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FIVE ITALIAN WARSHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM IN IONIAN SEA

Without A Single Casualty Or Damage To British Fleet

LATER NEWS OF THE NAVAL AND AIR BATTLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOWS THAT BRITAIN HAS STRUCK THE GREATEST BLOW OF THE WAR AT SEA.

Five Italian warships — three cruisers and two destroyers — have been sent to the bottom without a single casualty or the slightest damage to the British Fleet.

It is officially confirmed that the enemy cruisers sunk were the Fiume, Pola and Zara, and that a large and a small destroyer were also destroyed.

News of the successful outcome of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's operations is described in the following communique issued by the Admiralty in London last evening:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that no casualties or damage were sustained by His Majesty's ships throughout the recent operation.

"Some of our aircraft are, however, not accounted for.

"So far it is confirmed that the following Italian warships have been sunk:

"The 8-inch gun cruisers Fiume, Pola and Zara,

"The large destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto, and

"The destroyer Maestrade.

"Further details are awaited."

10,000 Tons Each

The Fiume, which was heavily armed, carried eight 8-inch guns among her armament, and her complement was 705 officers and ratings.

All three cruisers were of 10,000 tons.

The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto was completed in 1936 and had a displacement of 1,700 tons and a complement of 157.

The Maestrade had similar armaments but her displacement was 1,500 tons.—Reuter.

Naval Battle Survivors In Greece

Survivors have been landed at Piraeus from four of the five Italian ships sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by British warships.

Three Italian cruisers, the Fiume, Pola and Zara, and an Italian destroyer are represented among these survivors.

They were brought in by a Greek destroyer.—Reuter.

Call To Catholic Germany

A call to Catholic Germany to awake and face the pagan tendencies which the Nazi regime is spreading throughout the Reich occupied territory, was made in a broadcast by the Vatican radio yesterday.

The announcer declared that the religious situation in Germany was highly unsatisfactory and condemned the Nazi attitude to the Church in outspoken terms.

The threat of State religion hung over all religious life in these territories.

The announcer said lecturers, teachers and propagandists inculcate pagan principles into German youth, deprived of proper religious instruction.

Even in schools, where a priest is in theory admitted, he often finds the door closed to him.—Reuter.

GUARDS ON AXIS LINERS

The number of Italian ships on which armed American guards have been placed is now stated to be 28, including the 23,000-ton liner "Conte Biancamano," at Cristobal, Panama.

Guards have also been placed on two German ships, namely the "Aracuna," at Port Everglades, Florida, and the "Pauline Friederich," at Boston.

Discovery of "wholesale damage" on some of these ships was announced by Mr. Herbert Gaston, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

He said the measures taken in consequence of this discovery were "purely protective." President Roosevelt, he added, had approved the steps taken.—Reuter.

INVASION PORTS STRAFED

The German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk last night.

Explosions were heard from the British side and fires seen in the direction of Calais.

Earlier, during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except for one bomber, which was driven off.

The R.A.F.'s swoop on the German invasion ports along the French coast was intensive and heavy.

Fierce Fires

Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view. Bombs and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk, and the clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires, while the thud of many heavy explosions could clearly be heard.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT ENDS HIS HOLIDAY

Having concluded his holiday cruise on the presidential yacht Potomac, President Roosevelt yesterday left by train for Washington, says Reuter from New York.

MOBILISATION CONTINUES IN YUGOSLAVIA

Extra military classes were called up in Yugoslavia last night.

It is announced in Belgrade that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontiers.

A fifth batch of Italian civilians left Belgrade by express for Milan on Saturday night.

Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated, most of the Germans and Italians in Belgrade will have left by to-morrow. — Reuter.

U.S. STRIKES ENDING

The strikes in various United States defence industries show some improvement.

It was announced yesterday that a settlement has been reached in Bethlehem Steel Company's works at Johnston, Pennsylvania.

Congress of Industrial Organisation workers, at a meeting in Chicago, agreed to return to work immediately at four International Harvester Company factories which have been closed for eight weeks. — Reuter.

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YUGOSLAV FRONTIER REPORTED TO BE CLOSED

German And Italian Residents Leaving Country

GERMAN RADIO VERSIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE FRONTIER BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND STYRIA (AUSTRIA) HAS BEEN CLOSED BY THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES.

Reich Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency.

A first special train, with some 800 Germans, left last evening and another train leaves early this morning.

Not only Italian journalists but Italians generally are beginning to leave Yugoslavia, according to latest reports from Rome, adds the German agency.

German Army Movements

Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from south to north via the Kinajevo road, through the suburbs of Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency yesterday.

The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwilengrad, on the Bulgar-Turkish frontier.

Yugoslav Discipline

A Belgrade telegram to the official Italian agency reports the arrests of pro-Axis journalists, including Gregorich, director of the pro-Axis "Vreme" newspaper.

News from Yugoslav sources in Belgrade emphasises that popular enthusiasm is being kept strictly within the limits of order and discipline.

The Simovitch Government is dealing with current business, particularly the budget.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR RECALLED

The Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey was scheduled to leave for Belgrade last evening.

It is understood he was recalled by his Government for consultation.—Reuter.

BRITAIN DELIVERS THE GOODS

DESPITE THE LOSS OF LARGE EUROPEAN MARKETS IN DENMARK AND HOLLAND, BRITISH EXPORTS OF BICYCLES WERE HIGHER LAST YEAR THAN IN 1939.

The fact that exports last year were extra-European is also a comment on the failure of Hitler's counter-blockade to curtail British overseas trade.

Exports of bicycles to South America are increasing steadily. Brazil, for example, last year took more than double the number of bicycles of British manufacture she did in 1939.

Value of bicycles exported in 1940 was £3,570,829. — British Wireless.

LUPESCU ESTATES CONFISCATED

The remaining property in Rumania belonging to Madame Lupescu, who accompanied ex-King Carol to exile, has been confiscated, says a Bucharest message to the German news agency. — Reuter.

This woman seen wearing a striking winter fashion does not seem to mind the cold—but she attracted plenty of attention as she walked through the West End of London recently.—(Copyright, Fox.)

TOLD BLACK-OUT DUE TO LAMPLIGHTERS' STRIKE

Mrs. Elizabeth Hampshire, of Barton-terrace, Beeson, Yorkshire, who has died at Leeds aged 102, did not know there was a war on, and her daughters explained the black-out by telling her the lamplighters had gone on strike.

She was deaf and could not hear the sirens, and newspapers were kept from her.

A native of Wakefield, Mrs. Hampshire had been bed-ridden for some time.

BOSTON INCIDENT

ARMED COASTGUARDS HAVE BEEN SEEN BOARDING THE GERMAN OIL TANKER PAULINE FRIEDERICH (4,733 TONS) IN BOSTON HARBOUR, MASSACHUSETTS, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER "BOSTON RECORD" YESTERDAY, SAYS A REUTER TELEGRAM.

NAZI SHIP SLIPS OUT OF SHANGHAI

Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobtrusive departure from Shanghai at the week-end of the large German freighter "Ramses," which had been tied up in the local harbour since the outbreak of war.

Present whereabouts of the vessel are not disclosed but, unofficially, she has headed for Japan.

It is learned the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities.

Waterfront circles in Shanghai believe that the "Ramses," which is of 7,983 tons, is most probably to be converted into a raider.

Only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the converted Italian "Conte Verde" of 18,500 tons. — Reuter.

NAZIS WORKING UP "ATROCITY" CAMPAIGN

All German broadcasts last night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia.

It is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaigns preceeding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland. — Reuter.

U.S. GRANTS FOR RELIEF IN GREECE

The United States has now contributed £750,000 to relief in Greece, it was stated in Athens yesterday.

RUMANIA FOLLOWS AXIS LINE ON BELGRADE ISSUE

"A RETURN TO THE line of policy agreed to by Yugoslavia at Vienna no longer seems possible for the Simovitch Government," declared a Bucharest despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

It adds that political circles in Rumania declare, on the basis of information obtained from Belgrade, that "the measures adopted by the new Government are assuming a more pronounced anti-Axis tendency."

"Irresponsible fanatics" are held responsible for this, says the agency, which adds:

"A grave impression was made by the flight of peasants of German origin from Yugoslavia to Rumania."

The German radio reports anti-Italian demonstrations on Saturday night at Zagreb, capital of Croatia, but on the other hand the German news agency states:

Croats Confer

"Perfect order and quiet" prevail in Zagreb, where the leaders of the Croat Peasant Party are conferring on the situation under the presidency of Dr. Matchek.

The Ban (Governor) of Croatia, M. Spubachitch, whom Dr. Matchek sent to Belgrade on behalf of the Croats, has now returned to Zagreb, where he immediately conferred with Dr. Matchek.—Reuter.

Dr. Matchek Accepts

DR. MATCHEK, THE CROAT LEADER, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BELGRADE FROM ZAGREB TO-MORROW, ACCORDING TO A BELGRADE DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

He has been away from the capital since the coup d'etat on Thursday and has not yet formally indicated his acceptance of the office of Vice-Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet.

The despatch, however, says he has now agreed in principle to participate in the new Government on receiving assurances that there will be no change in the status of Croatia, which was granted a measure of autonomy in 1939. — Reuter.

SHE CAN SMOKE, SO—

"A woman who is sufficiently manly to smoke is sufficiently manly to go to gaol for this sort of thing." That was the sheriff's comment at a West of Scotland court, when he sent Ella Baini, thirty-seven, of Great George Street, Glasgow, to prison for six weeks for having cigarettes and matches with her in a war factory.

The procurator-fiscal said she deliberately brought in cigarettes to have a smoke when she felt inclined. The fact that she was a woman did not lessen the danger.

GOVERNOR'S TERM EXTENDED

The term of office of Sir Herbert James Stanley as Governor of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until October next, says a Reuter message from London.

MATSUOKA ON HIS WAY TO ROME

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has left Berlin for Rome, says a Reuter despatch.

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Shore Batteries Fire On Warships: Convoy Incident

ONE SHIP CARRIED RUBBER

It was revealed in London last night that one of the four French ships challenged by British naval units in the Mediterranean was carrying a cargo of rubber, and Germany is very short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles that at least one of these ships sailed from Bangkok with rubber, which would inevitably find its way across the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always fully maintained her rights under international law to search ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany, and it has long been notorious that French merchantmen have been carrying to French metropolitan ports various materials, a high proportion of which are immediately appropriated by Germany.

Strange Reflection

It is considered in London a strange reflection on French policy that she should attack British forces at the very time when the British Navy was engaged in destroying warships of France's enemy, Italy.

Moreover, the French action, as seen in London, appears particularly untimely when Britain has indicated her willingness to abrogate her international right to the extent of allowing the passage of certain foodstuffs in order to relieve sufferings in unoccupied France caused by German rapacity.—Reuter.

ONLY THREE DAYLIGHT AIR RAIDERS

Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight yesterday.

One of them crashed near Middlesbrough, in Yorkshire, shot down by a Spitfire patrol. All the crew were killed.—Reuter.

A "DEPTH" CHARGE

WITH A SINGLE BOMB A COASTAL COMMAND BLENHEIM YESTERDAY SANK A GERMAN ANTI-SUBMARINE VESSEL OFF THE ESTUARY OF THE LOIRE.

The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry news service. There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.—Reuter.

TRIPOLI HEAVILY BOMBED BY R.A.F.

THE IMPORTANT HARBOUR of Tripoli, in Libya, was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday/Saturday, and bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in the R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday, which states: "Italian East Africa: there was further intense activity by the Royal Air Force in the Asmara area on Saturday.

In the town itself the main station buildings, trucks, sidings and a motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport, a factory and a stores yard were set on fire.

Motor transport and troops on roads in the same area were heavily bombed and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others damaged.

Aircraft of a Free French squadron took part in a raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara, where military buildings were demolished by direct hits.

Railway Attacked

North of Dessye and in the Awash area considerable damage was done to a large concentration of motor vehicles when they were bombed and machine-gunned.

The railway station at Metarhari was also dive-bombed and the railway line damaged.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force carried out successful bombing and machine-gun attacks on motor transport and buildings in the Nagi area.

Near Diredawn motor transport vehicles were overturned and many others observed to be damaged after machine-gun attack from the air.

Libya: during the night of March 28/29 R.A.F. bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli.

Ships Strafed

LARGE BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO FALL AMONG SHIPPING AND OTHERS WERE SEEN BURSTING BETWEEN THE WIRELESS STATION AND THE MAIN ELECTRIC POWER STATION.

Albania: Three successful offensive reconnaissances were made on Saturday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukai and Dukati.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

AN INCIDENT IN WHICH FRENCH SHORE BATTERIES IN ALGIERS OPENED FIRE ON SOME BRITISH LIGHT NAVAL FORCES IS RELATED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ADMIRALTY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The communique states: "Reports had been received that a convoy of four merchantships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that the convoy carried important war material for Germany.

"Accordingly orders were given for the interception of the convoy which, however, passed through the Straits within Spanish territorial waters.

"Our forces caught up with the French ships after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"French shore batteries in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships, notwithstanding that they were merely engaged in exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights.

"His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence, and hits were observed on shore batteries.

Interests Of Humanity

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchantships and their escort, but in the interests of humanity did not do so and the mechantships succeeded in entering the nearby French port of Nemours.

"During the return of our forces to Gibraltar they were twice attacked by French bomber formations without suffering damage or casualties."

The French version of the incident says that "a considerable British naval force attacked at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning in French territorial waters, between Nemours and Oran, a convoy of four French merchantships bound from Casablanca to Oran under the escort of a single French destroyer.

"The convoy took shelter in the port of Nemours under the protection of its escort, naval shore batteries and aircraft, which replied to the fire of the aggressors and drove them off.

"The convoy is safe and unharmed."—Reuter.

ITALIAN LOSSES IN ALBANIA

An Italian stock-taking of the war in Albania would show losses in men and material far outweighing any advantages.

Italian prisoners say the recent offensive cost 50,000 casualties. Huge stores of materials were captured which the Greeks are now using.

ARMY 'LASSIES' KILLED WHILE READING BIBLE

Two women were killed while reading the Bible on Sunday night when a bomb hit a house used as Salvation Army officers' quarters in an outer London area.

They were Adjutant Edna M. Mortimer, aged thirty-two, whose parents live at Scarborough Yorks, and Lieutenant Gertrude A. Cocksedge, twenty-four, whose parents live at Manchester.

They had been out earlier in the evening selling copies of the "War Cry," but returned home because the raid was so severe.

The Thames Estuary and London were the chief targets.

MORE ALLEGED DETAILS

A French version of the Anglo-French convoy incident, given in a French Admiralty communique, also claims that the cargo of the merchantships concerned consisted solely of commodities and products destined to supply the native population of Algeria.

The cargo, it claims, was rice, sugar, barley and so forth, and the communique adds: "All the evidences, and the route followed by the ships along the Algerian coast, goes to show it was a transaction between two French possessions.

"The attack on the convoy by British warships cannot, therefore, be explained by the necessities of the blockade, the object of which is to prevent cargo ships taking food supplies to belligerent countries."

The communique contends that the British "attack" was entirely unjustifiable and "incomprehensible."—Reuter.

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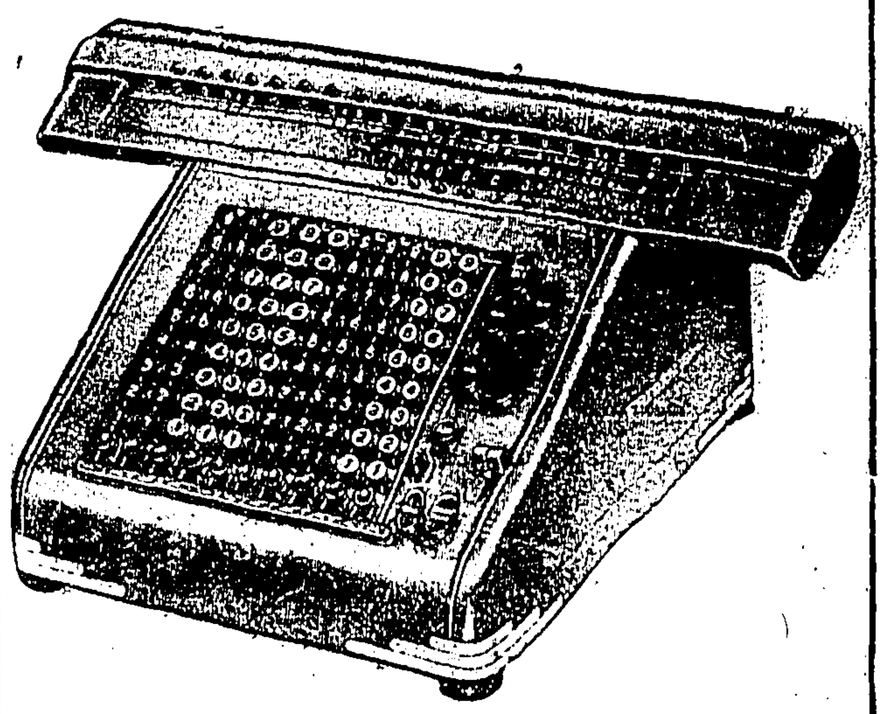

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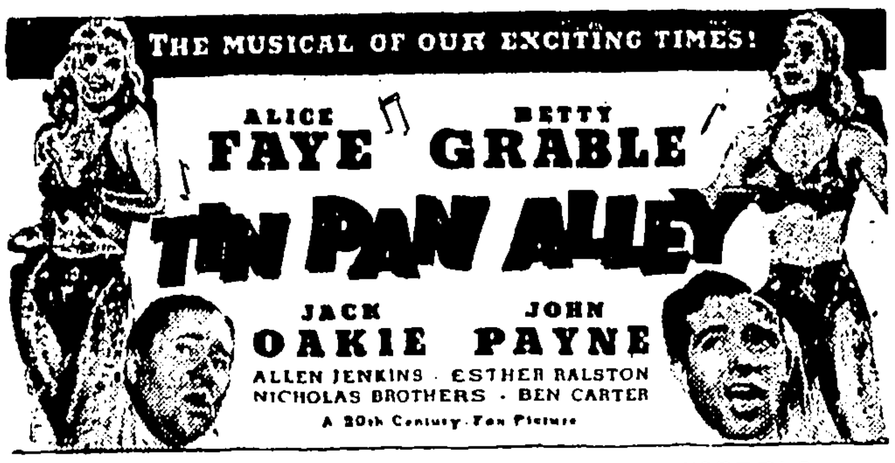

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Mr. Cliff Glover, of West Dene Road, Coombe Dingle, put down £30 for it on behalf of the West Dene and South Dene Mutual Assistance A.R.P., and each of the twenty-seven households in these two roads contributed £1 towards the cost.

Headed by B. B. C secretary Betty Crispin, in natty blue slacks, the women from the houses are prepared to "man it."

In a daytime raid, when the men are at work, they might have to turn into an "all-women" amateur fire brigade.

And this is going to be no fancy job, either, for the pump, hand operated, needs at least four to carry and ten to work.

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Own Hostel, Too

Quite apart from running their own private "fire engine," the residents have already set a shining example in preparedness.

Contributing £1 per house, they have formed stirrup-pump parties, established a first-aid post and a "hostel" for evacuees and purchased buckets of sand, ladders and eight 100-gallon tanks for water.

This organisation of neighbours has already come out successfully in a pretty stiff battle against incendiary bombs. There was no lack of volunteers, and even the Glover twins, Shirley and Beryl, aged nine, were kept busy filling the sand buckets.

"Now we shall have almost complete protection for our homes without bothering the fire-fighters of Bristol," they say.

HOPE FOR STATE AS LANDLADY

Landladies at East Coast resorts want to become tenants of the Government.

They made his request when presenting their seven-point prosperity plan to the Norfolk Committee of the Coast Resorts distress committee.

Mrs. Emma Perkins, a white-haired widow, who described herself as "one of the little seaside landladies," told a reporter:

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"I am sure Mr. Churchill will see that something is done to help us—he has such a kind face."

Mr. F. H. Emms, Secretary of the Great Yarmouth Hotel and Apartment Keepers' Association, said:

"Something simply must be done for these people or they will all go bankrupt.

"The Government should pass an Act similar to the Agricultural Mortgage Act to benefit us.

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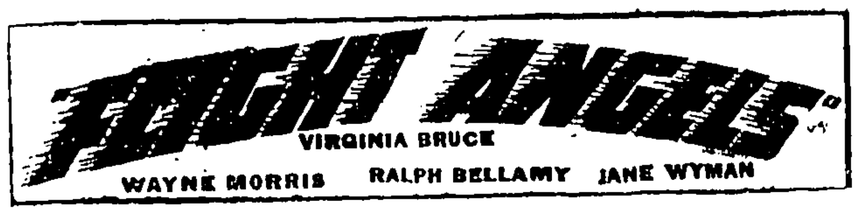

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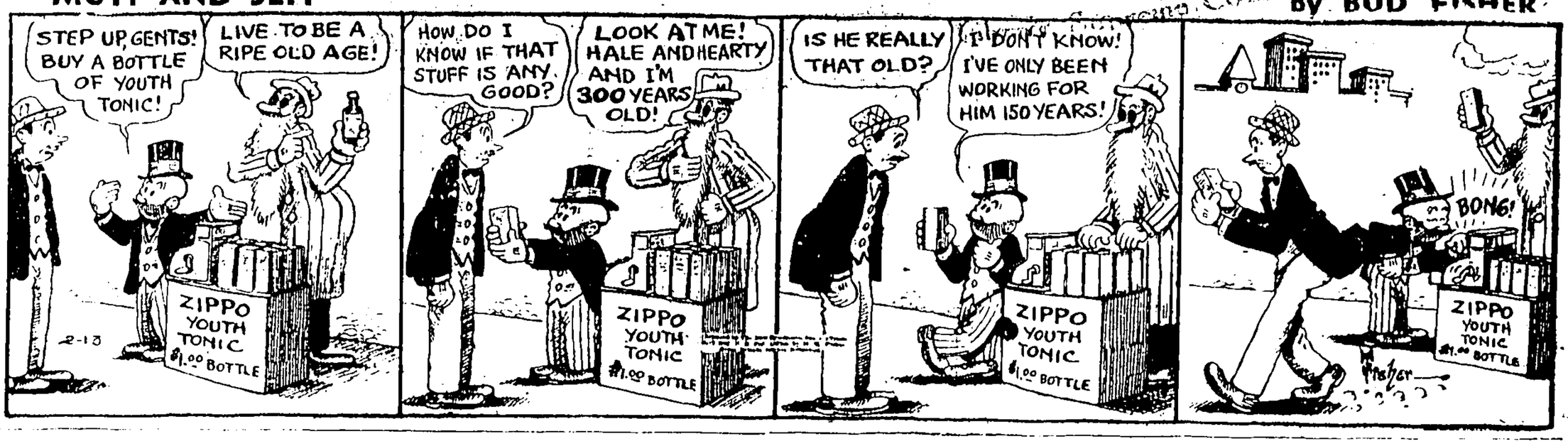

200 A.R.P. IN RESCUE FIGHT

AIDED BY two big cranes, two hundred men struggled to free survivors from the wreckage of a men's hostel struck by a heavy bomb during a night raid on London. The hostel was full. Reinforcements of soldiers and A.R.P. workers were drafted there to relieve those who had been working for hours — by moonlight and in the glare of car headlights.

As the cranes lifted large pieces of masonry and drills bored passages through the wreckage, more and more men wounded or dead were brought out to the waiting doctors and nurses.

Said an A.R.P. official. "This is one of th e finest rescue jobs I have ever seen."

When the rescuers forced a way to one man they found that he had a bucket wedged round his head.

Tapped With Head

He had been unable to get it off and had guided A.R.P. workers by knocking the bucket against concrete.

The first thing he said was: "For heaven's sake get this ruddy bucket from off my ears. I can't hear."

After eight hours they could still hear tappings deep down in the wreckage and hope was held out for the lives of more men.

Among the first people on the scene was a fourteen-year-old messenger boy, who had almost reached one trapped man when the rescue squad arrived.

One of the rescued, [illegible] Fitzgerty, said he was asleep [illegible] the crash. "At the same time my bed was lifted through the air.

"It landed safely, and I was still there under the clothes," he said, "but the beds above the floors above were piled on top of mine with the men still in them.

"The rescuers had to cut away the bed rails to free us."

'NIGHTFLAP'

The even if crowded tenor of life at a Flying Training Station of the Royal Air Force is sometimes disturbed by a "flap" — when something unusual happens.

Night flying practice was in full swing, out under the stars; faintly seen between scudding clouds a flickering line of naptha flares marked the runway. At a signal from the control officer pupils were taking off into the inky darkness, doing their flights and landing again down the flare-path, their landing lights stabbing the darkness like an angry luminous eye. A dozen or more aircraft were up there somewhere in the dark sky or lying out on the flying field, engines ticking over, their exhausts giving out licking tongues of fire.

Suddenly, the flap arose. A lorry rumbled up to the Control officer. A sergeant jumped down and passed over a message. By the light of the torch slung round his neck on a lanyard — these things are apt to get lost — the officer hastily read the message. The word was passed round: "All flying to cease, uncover the flares."

From nowhere, running figures appeared, the line of flares sprung into greater brilliance as the lid from each was uncovered. The waiting machines were swung around and taxied to the edge of the field, coloured rockets soared into the sky.

"There's two fighters from 'X' trying to get down—think they may be landing here" said the control officer. Then a moment later "What's that light, is that a star? I believe it's one of the Hurricanes."

Sure enough the "star" rapidly assumed the appearance of a meteor flying straight towards us. Then another navigation light could be seen. It was a fighter, coming down to land. A few moments later it had "touched down" and was being taxied out of harm's way. "Well, that's one any way—I wonder where the other man is?

Over in the Nissen hut, the sketchy night quarters for the pupils and instructors on night flying, there was subdued excitement. At the field telephone, a duty pilot was busy. Messages were passed to the parent fighter station, Observer Corps and the police. For miles around the countryside was on the watch for the missing fighter. Pupils and instructors sat round the crude fire chatting about this and that, the trivial small talk of fighting men in action. Half-an-hour passed. "Any news of the Hurricane?" somebody asked. At that moment the chief flying instructor came in. "O.K." he said "Resume flying."

The fighter had come down safely a few miles away. Night flying practice resumed its normal routine—the "flap" was over.

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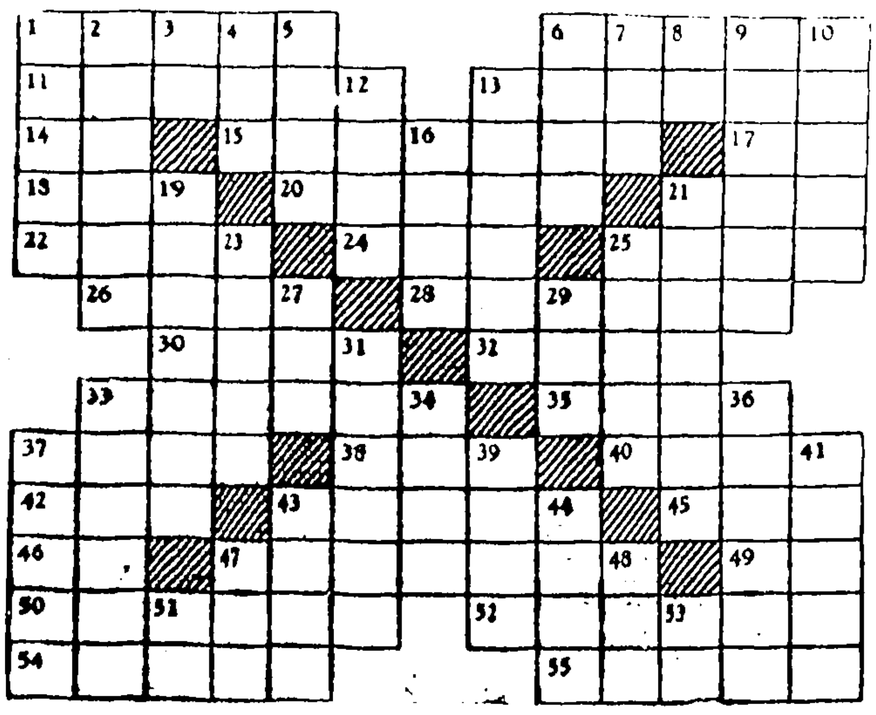

HORIZONTAL
1 To turn aside
6 Landed estate
11 Deep dish
13 Character
14 Part of "to be"
15 Prescribed rule
17 European fish
18 Gypsy
20 The nostrils
21 Former Turkish officer
22 Goddess of discord
24 Scarlet
25 To whirl
26 Obstruction
28 Implement of war
30 To clench
32 Transaction
33 Predicament
35 To cease
37 To leak
38 Vast age
40 Protecting influence
42 Conclusion
43 Ancient chariot
45 However
46 Symbol for actinium
47 Crushed
49 101
50 Streams
52 To render tight
54 Errors
55 To cook thoroughly

VERTICAL
1 To look fixedly
2 Whims
3 City in Chaldea
4 The common catnip
5 Gull-like bird
6 Charts
7 Siamese coin
8 Greek letter
9 Beginning
10 Part of a fortress
12 To approach
13 Required
16 Ship's company
19 Blended
21 Acknowledgement of an offence
23 Moro high priest
25 Violent rainstorm
27 Two-wheeled vehicle
29 Roman bronze
31 Treatises
33 Writing implement
34 To throw
36 Parts
37 Sluices
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41 Task
43 To mistaken
44 Expensive
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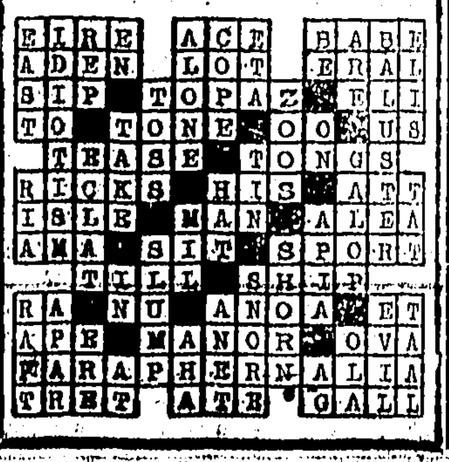

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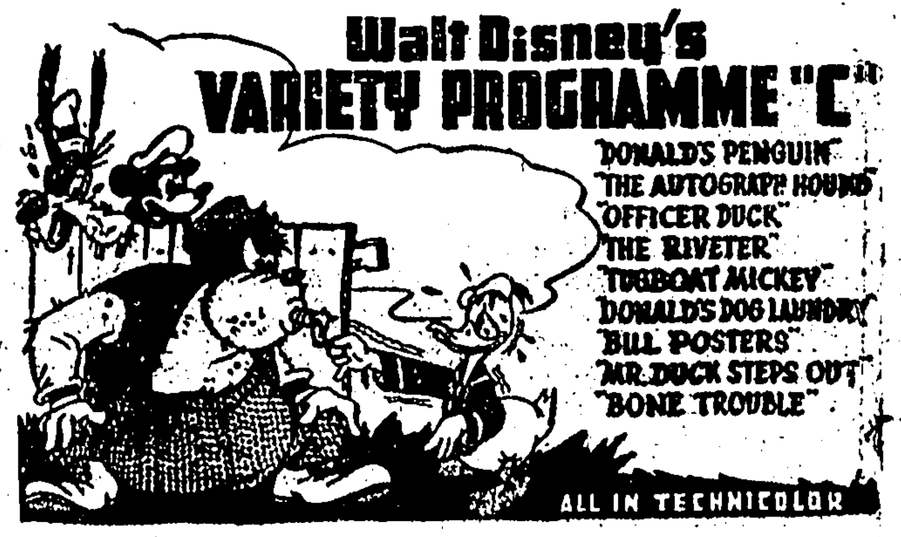
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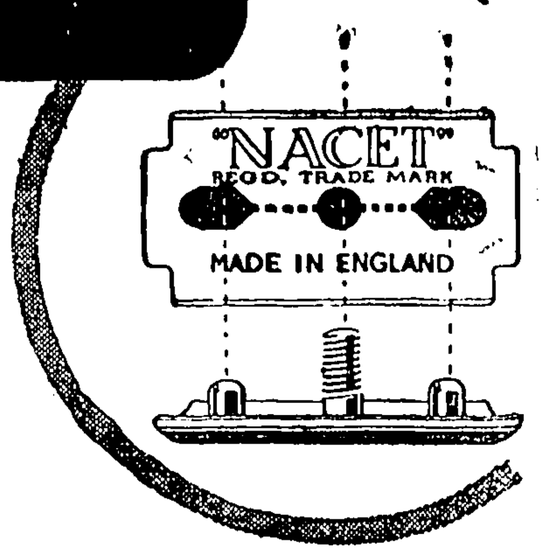

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AN OLD RACKET FLOURISHING AGAIN IN BRITAIN

THE "DIDDLER" MACHINE is flourishing again in Britain, especially in side-street clubs and cafes where soldiers on leave get together.

"Fruit-machine" gambling, which became widespread in London in 1938, was practically stamped out by the outbreak of war after the police had raided hundreds of clubs and thousands of pounds in fines had been levied on promoters.

But it is back again, bigger and more profitable — for the club proprietors — than it has ever been.

New clubs have sprung up in London for the "entertainment of troops on leave." They have opened, too, in garrison towns all over the country.

"Diddler" machines are in such demand that not one can be bought.

A man who has opened a luxurious club used by Allied officers in London told a reporter: "I have gone around for three weeks with £100 in my pocket trying to buy any sort of 'Fruit machine.' I cannot even hire a second-hand one."

The "Diddlers" are justifying the name by which they are known among the operators.

Odds Complaints

They are perfectly legal if they are run "straight," but police in London and several garrison towns have received complaints of machines which have been fixed to make the odds against winning overwhelming.

In Soho there is a disgruntled club owner who has not been able to get a machine while a rival is "taking £10 a week profit out of a penny machine and £60 a week out of the shilling one he runs."

In clubs used by officers batteries of the machines are in continuous use from the club opening at 7 o'clock until it closes at 11 p.m.

One such club has two sixpenny machines, three which work with shillings, and two of which take florins.

"If 'So-and-so' never sold a drink he'd still be making a good £100 a week profit, with all expenses paid," the reporter was told. "And his machines do pay out . . . occasionally."

Fruit Drums

The "Fruit machine," product of the United States, and centre of many battles between gangster racketeers, works on the turning-up of number combinations, or of pictures of fruits.

Three drums revolve when a coin is put in and a lever pulled down. A row of buttons is pressed so that by "skill," numbers can be stopped to form winning lines.

But unscrupulous owners of the machines are able to fix them so that no amount of button pressing wins money—until the machine has taken the margin of profit they have decided on.

Last year, when the racket was only timidly making its reappearance, there were a considerable number of prosecutions. Big fines were imposed.

The police are paying keen attention to the present situation.

AN UNWILLING PASSENGER

AT A STATION WHERE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POLISH PILOTS SERVING WITH THE R.A.F., ONE OF THEM TOOK OFF WITH A MECHANIC STILL ON THE TAIL. A VERY FINE EXHIBITION OF FLYING FOLLOWED, BUT THE MACHINE WAS ALMOST UNCONTROLLABLE.

By clever use of the engine the pilot succeeded in bringing the aircraft round and landing without hurt to himself, although the airman was thrown off as the machine landed. He had to be sent to hospital with minor injuries.

The pilot, who was unaware of his passenger, remarked as he stepped out: "This machine is a little unstable." In Poland he had been engaged in testing unstable or "rogue" machines, and this fact, no doubt, saved both himself and his unwilling passenger from disaster.

PEER FOUND SHOT DEAD

Family Dogged By Tragedy

Viscount Lambton, son and heir of the Earl of Durham, was found shot dead on the lawn in front of the family residence of Fenton House, near Wooler, Northumberland. He was 20.

Lord Lambton had recently returned to Fenton from London, where he had a town house in Gloucester Gate. He left this about 18 months ago to live in the country. He registered recently for military service.

Tragedy has dogged the Lambton family through many generations. Within the last four years, three of its members have met untimely deaths.

Beatrix, Countess of Durham died in April, 1937, on the day her grand-daughter, Lady Rachel Douglas-Home, was married to Lord William Scott. Lady Durham had been in a Berwick shop a week earlier to choose a wedding present when she fell heavily.

Her husband, the fourth earl, succeeded to the title in September, 1928, but died in the following January. Their second son, Geoffrey, was killed in action in 1914.

Two cousins of the present Earl met tragic deaths. In October, 1937, Mr. Gervase Lambton was lost at sea, between Port Sudan and Aden, while travelling by liner to Kenya.

Just over a year later Mr. D'Arcy Lambton was killed and his wife seriously injured when their car collided with a lorry on the Oxford-Worcester road near Woodstock.

The Lambton Worm

According to an ancient family tradition, that of the Lambton worm, the Lords of Lambton for nine generations were doomed not to die in their beds. The story dates from the time of the Crusades, when the then Lord Lambton killed a worm so huge that it could wind itself round a hill near Lambton Castle.

But the price of his victory was that he should kill the first living thing he met after slaying the worm. It was his father whom he met and did not kill, with the result that the nine generations curse was laid on the family.

THREW NAZI OUT OF WINDOW

How a German soldier was thrown out of the window of the Cafe d'Harcourt, on the Boulevard Saint Michel, Paris, is told in a letter published by "France," organ of the Free French movement, from a Parisienne.

She was in the Cafe d'Harcourt frequented by students, when from a first-floor window a German soldier in green uniform was pushed out bodily. He rolled down the awning and on to the pavement.

A German officer with revolver sprang forward, and the German police with clubs tried to disperse the crowd. There was a scuffle, and that evening a number of people failed to return to their homes. The cafe was closed for several days.

"We see daily the work of your (British) troops, land and sea forces and the R.A.F. when whole trains of wounded arrive in the capital," adds the correspondent. "Thank you for not having missed your objective."

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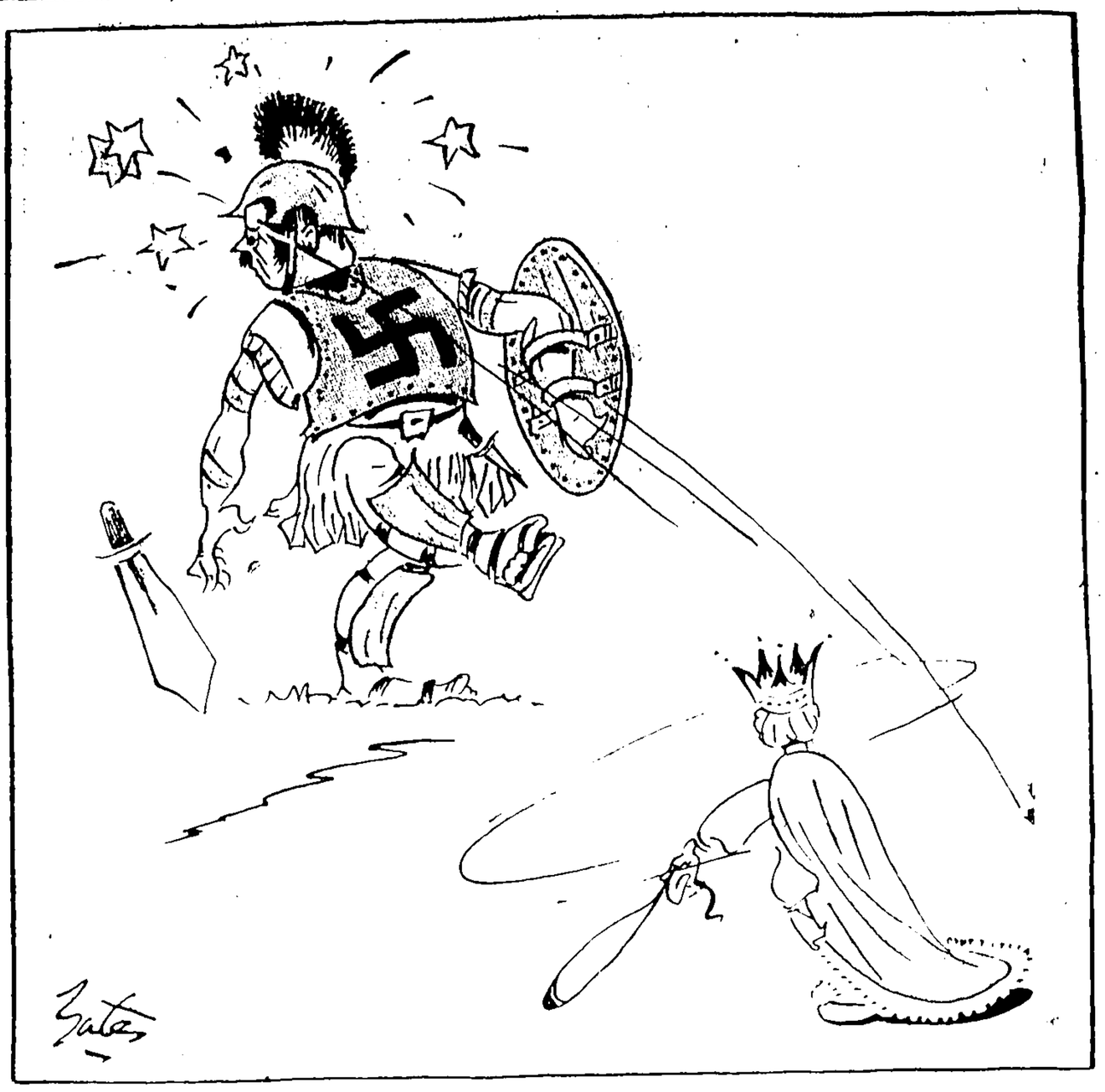
THE GRAND ALLIANCE

"There is going to be a united and altogether successful effort in the production of defence materials in the United States to be used by ourselves, by Great Britain and by Greece and China. I have no misgivings about the outcome of this war." Thus Mr. Harry Hopkins, personal envoy of President Roosevelt.

It is commonplace today. How fantastic it would have appeared nine months ago! Nine months of endurance worked this mighty change. Seven months more and an equal transformation may be presented to our gaze. For Mr. Hopkins says that by 1942 American production may have reached its peak, and President Roosevelt, in the most direct and far-reaching of his propositions, demands the means to achieve it. Those months will summon from us stiffer endurance and fiercer hardship. Yet we have the promise to beckon us through.

Was there ever such a convulsion in the affairs of men? "Those who survey with a curious eye the revolutions of mankind," wrote Gibbon, "may observe that the gardens and circus of Nero on the Vatican, which were polluted with the blood of the first Christians, have been rendered still more famous by the triumph and by the abuse of the persecuted religion. On the same spot a temple which far surpasses the ancient glories of the Capital, has been since erected by the Christian pontiffs, who deriving their claim of universal dominion from a humble fisherman of Galilee have succeeded to the throne of the Caesars, given laws to the barbarian conquerors of Rome and extended their spiritual jurisdiction from the coast of the Baltic to the shores of the Pacific Ocean."

That was a tale of centuries. How will it compare with the story of a people who stood alone and forsaken against the most monstrous and powerful Moloch which ever threatened mankind and who emerged after months the leader of a Grand Alliance of free nations?



DAVID AND GOLIATH

A Great Chance Lost

By Luis Araquistain

The psychology of the Britons is indeed very peculiar. During four long months they have endured the fiercest bombing raids ever suffered by any country with imperturbable spirit. For the last few weeks most of the London population have ceased to go down to the refuges. We have not had any night raids and very few day alerts for the last week, and people are asking themselves half ironically and half anxiously what new Blitz — the term Blitz having become a comic word among ordinary people — is Hitler preparing? As though it could be possible to surpass the already known. Of course there is always the possibility of gas. But so far it is not likely. The possibility of reprisals is to be borne in mind, and the Germans know perfectly well that the British gasses will not be inferior to theirs and that its climate will make Germany a better target. Anything can be expected from the Nazis' last desperate throw, but so far that moment is yet distant.

The explanation for this temporary lull is to be searched in the displacement of the war. The battle is no longer concentrated in the North Seas but in the Mediterranean. Britain has recovered its initiative and, faithful to the best rule in the art of war, has concentrated its attack on the weak point of its enemies — the Mediterranean basin. Soon the new Roman empire will have become a sweet dream, dismissed by a tragic awakening. In the whole of Africa there will be no Italians left except for the dead or those made prisoners. Hitler has forgotten — or never knew — that Empires are not improvised, nor do they spring from the heads of megalomaniacs. They are biological creations, the work of the centuries and of a whole nation, as was the ancient Roman Empire, and later the Spanish and now the British.

Hitler displaces himself from the North Seas to the Mediterranean in order to check the downfall of his ally's empire, collapsing like a balloon. But it is too late. The Nazi leader has made a tragic error. He was determined to defeat Britain as he had defeated France, by attacking the centre, in its own heart, where it was strongest, instead of seeking for more vulnerable points in the Empire. This was a dangerous misconception. When Lord Halifax stated, some days ago, that Hitler lost the war in June 1940, in Britain's weakest moment because he did not push his offensive then against this country, the new British Ambassador in Washington was probably right, specially if in that moment he was thinking of the Mediterranean situation. I believe, nevertheless, that if Germany could not destroy the British Army in Dunkirk it could not have defeated it at home, even in those days of maximum defencelessness.

But if Hitler then had had the vision to send to Africa one or two thousand aeroplanes and his best general staff to lead the Italian army, when Britain, trusting to the French troops in North Africa, had left Egypt practically without a garrison, the course of the war would have been totally different. Mussolini, intoxicated with his African victories, would not have given Greece a thought. Suez would have been in great peril and it is probable that the African French Empire would have capitulated also. And if Hitler, in such favourable psychological and military circumstances, had completed this manoeuvre by pushing his troops into Iran and taken over the south of Spain, the Mediterranean Western key — whether Gibraltar resisted or not — would have ceased to be in British hands. With the whole of North Africa dominated, the Axis' triumphant forces would have been able to spread all along the Western littoral of that Continent and, with their Air Force and submarines, would have made trade between America and Britain almost impossible.

This desperate position would have led to a deadly discouragement to all those in America who wanted to uphold this country, but only on condition that their assistance should not be quixotic and sterile. To-day Hitler, realising the weakness of his ally and thinking of the British move which transferred the war to the Mediterranean just when he had reassembled his forces, must bitterly regret his bad move, remembering that in June 1940 all the trump cards were in his hand, and that he lost for ever a unique and marvellous opportunity.

But now it is too late. Too late to save Italy and her Empire: too late to withdraw from Greece and to attack through the Balkan wasp's nest; too late for Suez and Gibraltar; too late for the Mediterranean battle and also for the Atlantic battle. Too late to intimidate America, and even too late for a peace like that of 1918, which not only left intact the vanquished, but sowed the seeds of disunity so well among the victors that twenty years later Germany was able to resume war, more powerful than she was even in 1914.

It is obvious that the United States not only want to contribute to the triumph and endurance of Britain but also to prepare a peace that no country or combined countries will ever be able to violate without an immediate and exemplary punishment. The future League of Nations will not be in Geneva but in London and Washington. The transfer of American warships to Britain; the lease for a hundred years of British naval bases in America to the United States; the unrestricted delivery of war material leased or lent instead of sold; the unprecedented welcome given by Roosevelt to Lord Halifax in the open seas, the appointment of a personal and unofficial envoy of the American President to Britain; Mr. Wendell Willkie's visit, not as a defeated presidential candidate but as an almost certain successor to Mr. Roosevelt, seeking information of the problems connected with the war, and also perhaps to acquaint himself with the projects of any permanent peace that may be being planned here — projects which he may be called to put into execution in four years' time or to continue them if already begun — all these are signs that something great and without precedent in history for the future of Europe and the world is being forged.

It looks as though the two Anglo-Saxon democracies have decided to demonstrate not only that they are invincible, but also that, in future, they will become impregnable. In June 1940, Hitler, besides losing the war, did something else. He made it impossible for any future Hitler to arise in Europe.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDER THE NAZIS

"THE HIGHEST PITCH OF HATRED"

DR. L. FEIERABEND, Minister of State for the Czechoslovak Republic, has an article in "Rotary Service" in which he describes the pattern of democracy in his country before Munich and his belief in its resurrection. In the course of his description of German barbarism in the treatment of his fellow-countrymen he says:—

Western European statesmen believed Hitler more than they did our democratic Republic, and did not even allow us to take part in the deliberations by which our fate was determined. They compelled us to accept the Munich Agreement by which they came to terms with Hitler and Mussolini.

A terrible treaty was signed which took advantage of the situation, and, most important of all, it took from us the power of defending ourselves.

And at this awful hour Czechoslovakia, which was well defended and fortified, with forty mobile divisions, gave the most striking demonstration of its willingness to save Europe and redeem the world through its sacrifice. From this point of view I can say that I am proud of one of the most tragic moments in our history. The sacrifice of Czechoslovakia was, of course, in vain, as we knew even then. For Hitler it represented only one stage, and on March 15, 1939, he appropriated the remainder of the country, incorporating what was left of Bohemia and Moravia into the area of German living-space.

For Bohemia and everything that is Czech this represents nothing less than death. The Nazi overlords are trying to exterminate the body of the Czech people and to destroy its soul. It is unnecessary to give you a picture of German barbarism in all its extent. More than 70,000 leading personalities have been imprisoned or sent to concentration camps; 250,000 Czech workmen have been driven to forced labour in the Reich. The protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia has been incorporated in the German Customs system which means that millions of Czech crowns have been appropriated at one blow in cash and that Czech industry will very soon be ruined. The Czech universities have been closed, the secondary schools are being closed, every type of Czech institution is gradually being suppressed. What it all signifies is that a nation is being reduced to the status of serfs of the German people.

But what is most offensive to the Czech soul is the fact that the "higher" race makes plain by every one of its actions that everything that is Czech is inferior, and the fact also that the period of Czech political independence is depicted in the new school textbooks as an historical error and as the most unhappy phase in our history. Thank God that in spite of all the corruption, falseness, terror, imprisonment, concentration camps, torture, and executions the soul of the people remains inviolate!

If The Nazis Could Win

Yet something has changed; national hatred has reached its highest pitch. The Czechs realise what it would mean if the Germans were to win the war. They have become convinced that it would signify the end of the nation, the disintegration of the family, the Nazification of the children, the ingress of thousands of German colonists from the Reich, and the loss of the national spirit, the ideal of which was the humanism of Komensky and Masaryk.

The majority of the Germans, who before were probably good democrats and nationalistically tolerant, are now very satisfied with the limitlessly privileged position in our country given them by the Hitler regime. They do not protest; on the contrary they adhere willingly to the new order. They eagerly acquire Jewish and Czech property at grossly unfair prices. They must know that they are stealing; but this does not stop them. They cooperate willingly rather than passively, accepting something, perhaps through fear of resisting it. They live in dwellings which bear all the marks of having been previously the property of Czechs, they have privileged supplies of agricultural products, and they are unmoved by the fact that Czech children and pregnant mothers are starving and suffering. If there is anything which they disapprove of they are silent about it. The German youth is fanatically jubilant over every Czech reverse. They celebrate openly the triumph of Germanism over the Czech spirit. These pictures will ever remain before the Czech soul.

THRILLS? OH, NO!

When a British freighter sailed into Boston (Mass.) after a voyage from Cardiff, the skipper of the vessel told reporters on the waterfront: "No news, boys. Uneventful trip."

But the ship's log contained the following record:

Escaped Nazi bombs while leaving port in convoy.

Passed liner which apparently was a dive-bomber victim.

Broke down three times with engine trouble.

Forced to drop out of convoy.

Ship's dynamo gave out, leaving ship in darkness most of the voyage but for crude wax candles made by the crew.

American newspapers refer to this as "a British understatement."—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN DISCONTENT

It is learned from reliable sources in Vienna that the severity of the winter is causing much discontent in Austria. The shortage of foodstuffs, and especially of fuel, is very great. Coal is almost unobtainable in Vienna.

Under such conditions enthusiasm for Nazism, which was evident even among Austrians at the period of the German victories, has almost disappeared. The townspeople have now to face and think of the difficulties of the situation, and the belief in an eventual German victory has markedly lessened, especially among the workers.

Cancelled Meetings

The results are already apparent in the internal political life of Austria. Many meetings organised by the Nazi party in the workers' quarters of Vienna had to be postponed or cancelled owing to the smallness of the audiences.

Even threats of personal reprisals did not have the desired effect, and in some cases the attendance was only five or 10.

The Nazi salute is given infrequently, and many persons were recently arrested for expressing open dissatisfaction with conditions.

Many Austrians are again having dreams of Austrian independence. Communist propaganda has also revived, and many believe the recent railway accident on the Semmering was the result of sabotage.

Many believe that Italy will drag Germany to disaster in this war as Austria dragged Germany to ruin in the last one.

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE

A corporal in the military police, Alexander Hill, thirty-six, was remanded at Glasgow on a double murder charge.

It is alleged that in a house at Chrichton Street, Springburn, Glasgow, Hill shot his wife and William Headlands, of the Royal Navy, with a revolver.

GIRL SWIMS TO 'MAN IN SEA' SAVES RACEHORSE

MRS. PETER MacNIVEN is an athletic young woman and an excellent swimmer. So when she saw what looked like a drowning man in the sea some way out from the rockbound shore near her home in the hills near Oban she did not hesitate.

Running across seaweed-covered rocks, she dived fully clothed into the icy Atlantic and struck out against the tide.

"At sea level, waves hid her goal from her, but she had taken a bearing and hoped the struggling swimmer would last out.

She was rather exhausted when the swimmer came again into sight. Then she discovered that it was—a horse.

What is more (as she later discovered), a magnificent chestnut thoroughbred racehorse.

And behind it the animal was towing its water-logged horse-box.

Exhausted now, Mrs. MacNiven clung to the box for a few moments; then thrusting her arm inside detached the animal's halter and made for the shore.

The unknown racehorse, well blanketed now, is being nursed back to health in a shed at the MacNiven's home.

"Nursed"

"The poor thing could scarcely stand, it was so cold and exhausted." Mrs. MacNiven said. "It must have been in the water for hours. It couldn't have lasted much longer.

"It's the most beautiful horse I've ever seen. I'd love to keep it, but, of course that's impossible.

"It was absolutely terrified when I got it ashore, and I had difficulty persuading it to come with me. But my husband was able to handle it better, and soon it became quite friendly.

"Maybe I'll run it in the Derby if no one claims it," she laughed.

R.S.P.C.A. officials have reported Mrs. MacNiven's action to the Royal Humane Society.

Mr. MacNiven is caretaker of the ruined Dunstaffnage Castle.

STANDARDISATION IN ARMS FOR U.S. AND BRITAIN

A DRIVE FOR THE fullest possible standardisation of war equipment among the armed services of the United States and between American services and the British is being intensified in anticipation of the "single order" system of defence production which the Administration has set as one of its goals under the lease-lend programme.

Current efforts are being directed mostly toward standardisation in aeroplanes, ordnance, tanks and technical instruments.

In order to give this part of the defence programme greater centralised direction and to bring the British more definitely into the picture, President Roosevelt is expected to move soon to co-ordinate better the standardisation work already being carried on by a large number of loosely-related groups in the Army, Navy, Treasury Office of Production Management, and the industries involved.

Substantial progress is said to have been made in the four categories mentioned. It is to be reflected soon by obvious results in tanks and ordnance being developed for joint use of U.S. services and the British, governmental authorities said. It could be noted immediately in instruments, say these same sources, if it were not for a ban of silence imposed upon all details of highly technical secret devices.

Various Groups Cooperating

The quest for standard designs, terchangeable parts and the like being carried on in these three fields through ever-increasing collaborative effort of American and British technicians, but in the case of aeroplanes the problem is regarded as primarily one for the Americans themselves at this stage.

Through the joint effort of the Aeronautical Board of the Army and Navy, the Civil Aeronautics Committee, the Office of Production Management, the Aircraft Standards Committee, the Technical Division of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, the Society of Automotive Engineers and other agencies, all twenty-three of the companies turning out completed aeroplanes have been enlisted in the drive for a greater stabilisation of this most intricate defence item, to the end that production might be speeded up and the problem of field maintenance and repair diminished.

The 'plane manufacturers have been separated into Western and Eastern divisions, and at a meeting recently called by the OPM the standardisation problem was divided into seven major parts and an engineering group set to work on each.

The question of complete units and types was made the special province of the Joint Army-Navy-British Standards Committee. The National Aircraft Standards Committee was told to devote itself primarily to the subjects of air frames and power plant installation. The problem of standardising engines, propellers, accessories, equipment materials and processes was allocated to the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The matter of standardising aeroplane production is a long-range proposition at best. Although greater and faster production is the aim, the government and the industry both must be careful in invoking standardisation processes not to hold up production at this time when every 'plane is sorely needed; also not to create any new "bottle-necks" in material supplies, machine tools and manpower which might affect other defence industries as well.

In view of the immediate necessity for keeping the wheels turning in the aeroplane factories, standardising methods will be introduced so gradually that engineers do not expect the result to be fully obvious before 1942.

"We want better and better 'planes and it's necessary to have them," one authority said, "but we've got to draw the line somewhere and say 'Here we'll standardise for quantity production.' The time is near when we will have to draw that line, if we can do so without holding up production now in progress."

Differences between the Army and Navy over types, designs, parts, etc., are being ironed out rapidly, the authorities say. Suggestions of the British also are being weighed carefully, although some in the industry and the government as well have noted a resistance among U.S. service people to accept many of the recommendations originating from overseas.

There have been no end of difficulties in arriving at some of the compromises that already have been made. Illustrative of some of the things that are taking place is the story of four days of discussion between British and American technicians over the question as to whether a certain switch in a recent type of 'plane should be off or on when in the up or down position.

As insignificant as that question might seem to a layman, it was said to have been very vital in the particular 'plane because of the previous training of the men who would be expected to fly it. Military 'plane construction is influenced a great deal, especially in the matter of instrumentation, by the type of training the men have had who must operate it in service.

It is with that problem in mind that some engineers insist now is the time to begin standardisation in earnest, so that the new men being trained may be schooled in the use of the standardised equipment, with whatever changes it may involve from equipment now in use by either of the U.S. services or the British.

Fewer Types An Advantage

Production would be speeded immeasurably, engineers say, by the reduction of the number of parts of 'planes, and certainly by standardising them as between types and manufacturers. Instead of having five or six different types of storage batteries, requiring perhaps as many sizes and types of holding boxes, the designers might agree on one or two.

The Army and Navy are said to need to simplify and reduce the problem of field maintenance and repair. To be able to take the wheel off one type of 'plane and put it onto another would reduce the necessity of transporting so many spare parts.

Several of a late type of American reconnaissance bombers shipped a few months ago to the British are said to be grounded now in Africa, awaiting the shipment all the way from Burbank, Calif., of certain parts needed to make them serviceable again. The parts are said to be ordinary enough, but unfortunately they are not interchangeable with anything else the British have, not even with comparable American types.

According to those familiar with the subject, the standardisation process is starting in the small things first, as, for instance, the "hardware"—nuts and bolts. Even before the present drive for standardisation got under way, a number of 'plane manufacturers on the Pacific Coast were reported to have got together and worked out the specifications for a number of such parts and pooled their orders.

Stumbling Blocks In Way

As all engineers readily agree, the problem of standardising aeroplane production is much easier to state than to achieve, even on paper. Aside from the intricacies of the 'plane itself, the nature of the industry presents stumbling blocks of its own. The large manufacturers of so-called "completed" 'planes are in reality largely assembles of parts made by dozens of subcontractors. One subcontractor might suppy a certain part to one of the "completed" 'plane companies and another a similar part, but of slightly different specifications, to another. To standardise the part would require one of the subcontractors to re-tool his shop or turn all the business over to the other one, who probably would be swamped with orders.

The National Aircraft Standards Committee was set up as an adjunct of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce to represent the industry in planning the standardisation movement. The committee is representative of all the manufacturers of "complete" service aircraft, and maintains contact in Washington through the Aeronautical Chamber's Technical Department, headed by J. T. Gray. Aside from its transactions with the government departments the NASC provides a mechanism for an interchange of information and technical data on the standardisation movement among the various manufacturers.

Inquiries as to actual results of the standardising movement to date do not bring any large number of examples, but officials regard it as enough for the present that the effort is getting into full swing and that doubtless it will be stepped up by better organisation and a clearer view of the goal now that the lease-lend bill has been signed.

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BRITAIN NEEDS ALUMINIUM. THIS IS MADE FROM BAUXITE AND NETHERLANDS INDIES HAS BAUXITE.

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BRIDGE NOTES

THREE OPPONENTS

By The Four Aces

"Whenever I play with him," said a friend of ours recently, referring to another bridge player, "I feel that I'm playing against three opponents." We sympathised when we saw this hand:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ Q 10 7 6 3 ♡ A K 8 2 ◇ - - ♣ K Q 6 3	
♠ A 8 5 ♡ 10 3 ◇ A Q 10 2 ♣ J 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ K J 9 4 ♡ 7 6 4 ◇ 8 6 4 3 ♣ 5 2
	♠ 2 ♡ Q J 9 5 ◇ K J 9 7 5 ♣ A 10 4	

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	1♡	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2◇	Dbl.
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened a low spade, and the defenders managed to get four spades and three diamonds before surrendering the lead to poor South. North just raised his eyebrows, considering himself quite polite to refrain from criticising his partner. And South, our friend, kept silent because he knew that North would be unable to understand that he himself was the guilty one.

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ACE ... 3
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JACK ... ½
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South's double of one heart was the best way to show up East's psychic bid. North's heart holding should have made it obvious that the best suit in the North-South hands was hearts. He held four to the Ace-King, and South had enough length and strength to double an adverse heart bid!

North was correct in taking out South's double of two diamonds, but he was decidedly at fault in bidding two spades. He knew about South's hearts, but South didn't know about his. North should therefore have bid two hearts. South would have raised to four hearts — a contract which careful play would fulfill.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3 2
♡ K 4
◇ Q 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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"I hope that, when this ghastly business is over, London will not make the mistake they did last time and be in a hurry to lend money to those who are now our enemies." — Mr. W. G. Hulll, a shareholder, at the annual meeting of the Westminster Bank in London.

Question No. 678.

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♡ Q 10 4 2
◇ 5
♣ A J 3

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).
The Spanish Lady (Hughes).
Limehouse Reach (Proctor-Gregg). With Orchestral acc.
A Bowl of Punch (Mortimer and Murray).
Song of the Buccaneer (Mortimer and Leonard). With Orchestral acc.
12.40 p.m.—The Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.
Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Russian Programme with The Don Cossacks Choir.
The Gate; Festival Dance.
An Old Waltz, A Storm
Russian Vagabonds (Salon Orch.)
The Imprisoned Cossacks (Nisbchensky).
The Don Cossacks Choir
Polka 'Ojra' (Russian Air).
Rondo A La Turka (Mozart)
Russian Balalaika Orchestra.
Aljoscha's Song (from 'Dobrynja Nikititsch' Gretschaninoff)
Two Old Wedding Songs (Gretschaninoff)
The Don Cossacks Choir
Russian Potpourri (Michallowsky)
Caucasia (Ippolitoff Ivanoff)
Russian Balalaika Orchestra
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots- My Heart's In Old Killarney
Across the Great Divide.
Slow Fox-Trot A Couple of April Fools.
Fox-Trot--Moonburn (film 'Anything Goes')
Fox-Trots—A Rendezvous with a Dream (film 'Poppy')
The State of My Heart
Waltz—Who's Taking You Home To-night?
Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade.
Fox-Trot—Did I Remember? (film 'Suzy').
2.15 p.m.—Close Down
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swingtime.
Darling Nellie Grey.
Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.
Swanee.
Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.
Annie Laurie.
Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Her Orchestra.
Old King Cole.
Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.
A Brown Bird Singing.
Dark Eyes
Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra
I Love A Lassie.
Music in the Russ Morgan Manner w. Vocal.
Avalon
Val Rosing and His Swing Stars.
Alive, Alive-O!
Al and Bob Harvey (Vocal Duet) w. Orchestra
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together.'
7.30 p.m.—An Orchestra Programme with Paul Robeson (Bass).
Fairy Tale (Heykens).
Tom Jones and His Orchestra.
Deep River (Burleigh).
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.
Islamey—Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff).
New Symphony Orchestra cond by Eugene Goossens.
Love Song (film 'Sanders of the River').
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus
Speakeasy—Cuban Dance (Gensler).
Odeon Theatre Orchestra.
Canoe Song (film 'Sanders of the River').
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.
Mediterranean (Bar.)
New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes
8.05 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Keep Smiling! (Reginald Foort's Signature Tune—Foort).
Medley of Daly's Favourites.
Intro: A bachelor gay; Villa; Bohemia; Leander; Under the Deodar; You're in love.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'
9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12.
Mischa Levitzki (Piano).
Consolation No. 3.
Natan Milstein (Violin) w. Piano.
Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem.
London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—'News from Home' by Howard Marshall.
10.15 p.m.—Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).
'Rigoletto'—Gilda's Aria: Caro nome (Verdi).
'I Puritani' (Bellini).
Son vergin vezzosa.
Qui la voce tua soave.
With Orchestra.
10.28 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata in F Major, Op. 99.
1st Mov.: Allegro vivace.
2nd Mov.: Adagio affettuoso.
3rd Mov.: Allegro passionato.
4th Mov.: Allegro molto.
Pau Casals ('Cello) and Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Piano).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

P.C. WHO GUARDED 7 PRIME MINISTERS

Scores of photographs of crowds thronging Downing Street have appeared in the last five years.

In nearly all could be seen a tall, unassuming man in a black hat, apparently one of the crowd but never very far from the Minister being mobbed.

The man in the black hat is P.C. Albert Edward Hinde, known throughout "A" Division Metropolitan Police as "Nobby," a plain-clothes officer on duty at the Foreign Office arches, Downing Street, for the past five years.

Now he has retired at the age of 46 after 26 years in the Force.

Every Minister who has ever crossed Downing Street knows him. In his mind he has stored up significant comments made by successive Prime Ministers during the crises of recent years.

Throughout the Abyssinian crisis, the Abdication, Mrs. Eden's resignation, Munich, and the outbreak of war his eyes were watching the crowds.

"Munich" Crowds.

Mr. Chamberlain's return from Munich called out the greatest mob he has ever known.

That was the only occasion, he says, that the crowd, stretching right back into Whitehall, surged up to the doors of No. 10 itself.

"We usually know the wrong 'un when he gets into the Street," he says. "I suppose it becomes second nature to spot him after a time. There's never roughhouse. We have our own methods of dealing with doubtful characters."

Few of the statesmen, diplomats, officials, and pressmen who know by sight the "plain-clothes man in the black hat" knew his name. But he was courteous and helpful to all at what he calls "pneumonia corner."

"Nobby" Hinde has seen and guarded the comings and goings of seven Prime Ministers. Now he is retiring to a Government service job "not far from Downing Street."

HE FINDS WORK-HOUSE HAPPINESS

Haunted by loneliness and night-fear, a seventy-year-old Leicester widower with £3 a week pension and £1,500 in the bank has found happiness and companionship in the workhouse. He is paying 28s. a week "board and lodging."

The man's wife died in the infirmary of the institution following an illness some time ago, and now he wants to end his days in the building which was her last home.

No one but officials in the office knows the identity of the man, who lives the normal life of the inmates.

"To disclose his name would be against the spirit of the thing," the Master, Mr. R. W. Ramsay, told a reporter. "He was destitute of home comforts, although not destitute of money, and that is why he came here.

"This sort of thing helps to remove the stigma of an institution, a stigma which has persisted since the time of Dickens."

Mr. H. C. Mansfield, clerk to the Public Assistance Committee, told the committee that the ratepayers were not losing by keeping the man, who was getting good accommodation.

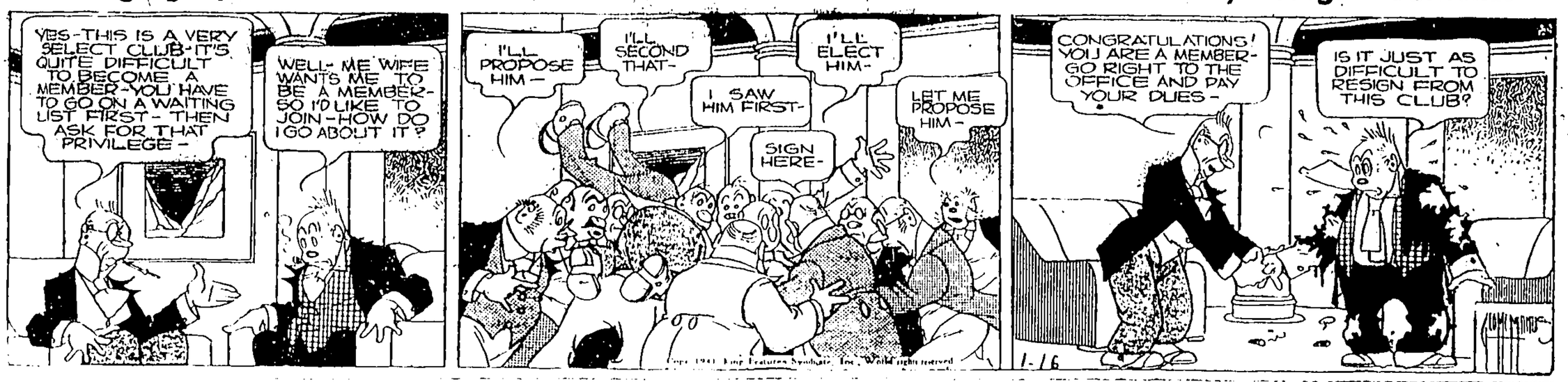
ZOO LION 16, DIES

Pat, one of the London Zoo lions, has died of old age.

He was sixteen and, like his mate Doris who survives him, had been at the Zoo since 1928. They were presented to the Gardens by King George V, who had received them as a gift.

They had twenty-five cubs, including one set of "quins."

Bringing Up Father **By George MacManus**



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

For Sunday Night Supper

HOT SANDWICHES

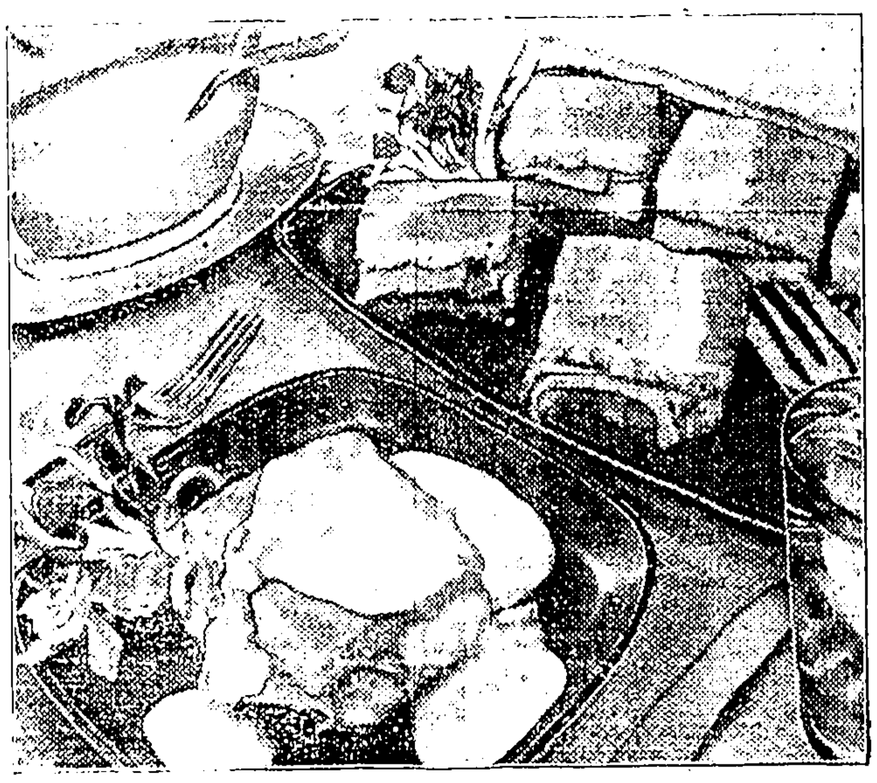
Fill The Bill

Says Dorothy Greig

WHEN it comes time to whisk together Sunday night supper I propose to stay sane by an effort of will and a few handy hints. All I want is a snack.

However, it's the wise woman who calmly ignores the gastronomic. For under all such remarks usually lurk a lusty appetite. Taken literally at their word and given just a bite or two, they'd all be back, raiding the ice box later in the evening.

So we suggest hot sandwiches for supper. They satisfy the mind's eye of a light bite while at the same time supplying good



Hot mushroom sauce over a ham and cornbread sandwich is an appetising dish for Sunday night supper.

honest sustaining nourishment. Put together with meat or cheese or eggs or maybe tuna fish or chicken, hot sandwiches have zest as well as substance.

Here, for instance, is one that can be made either with corn bread or with toast. (It's particularly good with corn bread.) And as a climax it is topped with a hot and savory mushroom sauce!

Southern Ham Sandwich With Hot Mushroom Sauce

6 pieces corn bread, about 3 inches square

6 slices ham boiled or baked

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

½ cup milk

Stir the ½ cup of milk into the condensed cream of mushroom soup. Heat, but do not boil. While the sauce is heating, split the pieces of corn bread and toast them. Then place the ham between the toasted slices of corn bread and pour the hot mushroom sauce over the top.

Cheese and bacon is an ever popular combination.

Open Grilled Cheese And Bacon Sandwich, Tomato Sauce

6 slices bacon

8 slices cheese (size of bread)

8 pieces bread or toast

1 can condensed tomato soup

Cut the long slices of bacon in half and broil on one side. Cover the slices of bread or toast with pieces of cheese cut about ⅛ inch thick and on each slice place two pieces of bacon. Broil until the cheese is melted and bacon crisp. Pour 2 tablespoons of hot condensed tomato soup over each slice and serve immediately. Serves 4 large or 8 small open sandwiches.

And try this version of our old friend, scrambled eggs:

Scrambled Egg And Mushroom Sandwiches

4 eggs

⅓ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch of pepper

Beat the eggs. Then add the cream of mushroom soup, salt and pepper and beat again. Melt the butter in a frying pan or saucepan; add egg mixture and cook over a low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Put the cooked eggs and mushroom between slices of buttered toast. Serves 4.

The Hot Dish for a School Day Lunch

by Dorothy Greig

WHEN the youngsters swoop down on you at noon from school, that's the time to set before them big steaming bowls of soup. Soup is hot—and they should have a hot dish. It's nourishing, easily digested. And children never lose their zest for good soup.

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Tomato and Vegetable-Beef Soup

Hot soup leaves no heavy after feeling either. Yet it provides the quick energy a youngster needs to keep him alert for the afternoon's activities.

The recipe for the first soup given below offers a delicious blend of two soups; tomato—which all children love—and vegetable-beef, thick with little chunks of beef and vegetables.

Tomato and Vegetable-Beef Soup

1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can condensed vegetable-beef soup
2 cans of water

Combine and heat to boiling point. Garnish with toast croutons. Serves 5-7.

Soup, of course, is one of the best ways in the world to get more milk into a child's diet. Many a child who balks at drinking milk will take it in soups and pass happily back for more. For instance; here is a nourishing vegetable puree to which is added milk:

Cream of Asparagus Soup

1 can condensed asparagus soup
⅔ cup irradiated evaporated milk (just as it comes from the can)
⅔ cup water

Empty the soup into a saucepan. Stir in the milk and water and heat, but do not boil. Serves 2-4.

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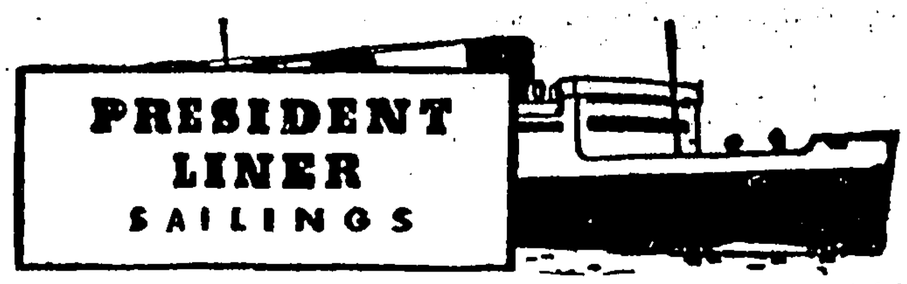

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TOPSY REARED A SECRET FAMILY

Topsy's secret was out. Remembitch belonging to Mr. James Brown, farmer of Lezayre, Isle of Man, gave birth to a pup.

"It was not worth her rearing it, so I drowned it," Mr. Brown told a reporter.

But Topsy retrieved it, brought it back into the farmyard, and buried it in a hole she dug with her paws and nose. That was last year.

A few weeks ago Topsy was missing. "I searched everywhere for her, but in vain," said Farmer Brown. "Then one day she returned. I couldn't make out where she had been, for she is not a roamer.

"I was in a quiet part of the farmyard one day, however, and I saw Topsy making for the root of a large tree. After looking round for a second or two she pushed her nose down into a hole under the tree.

"After a great deal of wriggling and rolling, she pushed herself down under the tree, came out again, looked round to see that nobody was about and then ran off.

"That was about three weeks ago.

Her Secret Out

"For one day the week I been penned to be in best part of the [illegible] suddenly [illegible] to each ten of [illegible] eye and a perky little face came peering out of the hole at the bottom of the tree.

"A second later the little fat round body of a three weeks old pup emerged, waddled round for a moment or two, then hastily returned.

Topsy a handsome sheepdog, became what happened to her first pup, she had chosen a nest right out of reach of human beings.

"A couple of days later, Topsy brought her pups out for an airing and allowed me to pick them up and nurse them: then sat with her ears cocked as though awaiting my answer.

"'It's all right, Topsy,' I told her. 'I wouldn't have the heart to drown these after all the trouble you have gone to.'"

BUTCHERS FINED £160

"Now we know why Mrs. Smith can get her meat one week-end and Mrs. Jones can't," said Mr Claude Hornby prosecuting at Old Street, London, when a firm of wholesale butchers and a retail butcher were each fined £80 with £10 10s. costs.

Henrys Ltd., of Charterhouse Street, Smithfield, were accused of supplying ten salt boneless briskets, weighing 198lb., without the the authority of the Ministry of Food, and John Dennis, of Green Lanes, Harringay, of obtaining the briskets. Both pleaded guilty.

Mr. Hornby said the carefully worked out rationing scheme was going to fall completely to the ground if a butcher like Dennis was illicitly going to obtain a supply of meat double that of his competitors.

It was stated that Henrys had been in business fifty years and this was the first time any offence had been charged against them.

"Has To Stop"

The Magistrate: "It is impossible to regard this as other than a serious offence. It is obvious that if this becomes prevalent, the whole system of food distribution devised by the Ministry will break down.

"Indeed, I think it has broken down in some districts. Whether it is due to what is called difficulties of distribution," or to practices such as these, I do not know.

"It is obvious that this has to stop, and I shall do my best to stop it by imposing severe penalties."

HE'LL PIPE TO CHIEF OF CLAN

AS A BOY on his father's farm in Alberta, Canada, Malcolm Roderick MacCrimmon dreamed of the day when he could visit the Hebridean Isle of Skye, home of THE MacCrimmon "Prince of Pipers," honoured in Scottish song and story for four centuries.

Malcolm was only a farmer's boy, and over the sea to Skye was a dream that didn't promise to materialise. But the war came and he found himself drafted to Britain — big step nearer.

Then fate brought him more than he had ever seen in his dreams.

A search through the MacCrimmon archives and a check-up on his papers and birth certificate proved that he was one of THE MacCrimmons, a direct descendant of that famous sixteenth-century piper, hereditary piper to the Clan McLeod.

And that was not all. Flora Mrs. McLeod of McLeod heard of him and now she has appointed him her honorary piper.

Like A Dream

That was enough to make him wonder whether he was still dreaming away back on the Alberta farm, but yet another honour awaited him.

He has been granted the distinction, almost unique among serving pipers, of wearing on his pipes—which he may yet play into battle—the ribbon of the Clan McLeod dress tartan.

"I was given special permission for this by the colonel of the Scottish regiment to which we are attached, Malcolm told a reporter.

"I am invited by Mrs. McLeod of McLeod to visit her at Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral home of the McLeods in Skye, as soon as I get leave.

Wants To Stay

"I'm determined not to go back to Canada. I don't like farming, and if I get on well with my piping and get a suitable job after the war, I shall remain here."

He is studying at the Army School of Piping in Edinburgh, and when a reporter saw him he had just finished practising a pibroch, "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart," composed by one of his famous ancestors.

For two centuries the MacCrimmons carried on in the Isle of Skye the greatest piping college ever known.

And even they took seven years to turn out a skilled piper.

So Malcolm, though his dream has come true, has still a long way to go.

"HAPPY" PUT THE FIRE OUT

Ex-Guardsman Henry (Happy Jack) Homer, fifty-five-year-old veteran of Mons, now a Home Guard, climbed on to a roof, jumped across a sheer drop, put out a fire that threatened to destroy a large building, and was then dragged to safety by means of a rope.

All this happened during a fire blitz on London, but none of his friends learned of Happy's heroism until later.

Happy Jack works in a warehouse.

While the blitz was at its height he spent a busy hour or so in the lane near the office extinguishing the fire bombs.

Then he noticed that an incendiary had landed on the roof of a printers' nearby. The spotters on the roof had seen it, but seemed unable to get at it. Happy climbed on to the roof and joined them.

The bomb was lying in the gutter of a roof separated from that on which they stood by a ten-foot chasm.

Doffing his coat and shirt, he jumped the gap.

Happy took off first one shoe, then the other, and beat the fire out.

BOYS IN RED TAPE TANGLE

Two Liverpool boys, Alan and Keswick Hunt, aged nine and ten, were dug out alive from their bomb-destroyed home and sent to safety in a tiny Lakeland village.

Their father is in the Pioneer Corps, their mother and two other children evacuated, and their grandparents, with whom they were living, were injured in the explosion and taken to hospital.

The village of Burneside, north of Kendal, was asked to find the boys a home. Within five minutes a home had been found.

Then, with the little refugees already on their way, officialdom discovered that their wrecked home was a few yards outside the Liverpool evacuation area. Therefore they could not be billeted as official evacuees, and no billeting allowance could be paid by the authorities.

But Burneside refused to give them up. One of the residents had "adopted" them. The statement that the children would not rank for billeting allowance simply raised a smile.

Mr. G. E. Spencer, billeting officer at Burneside, was not too pleased about it, however.

"Here we are," he said, "doing all we can and urging people to help in this billeting scheme and a stupid piece of humbug like this crops up. If the evacuation scheme cannot receive deserving cases like this, who exactly is it meant for?"

"Liverpool authorities should have the evacuable area clearly set out by red tape and illuminate it during air raids, so that Germans can drop their bombs with more respect for these hide-bound arrangements!"

The matter is being taken up with the Government department concerned.

But Mr. C. F. Mott, Director of Education for Liverpool, says the misunderstanding is all due to a clerical error.

The Westmorland authorities were not informed of the facts—that children not living in the official evacuation area are provided for by a fund called The Liverpool Hardship Scheme, instituted to deal with such cases. The money comes out of the rates.

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Some of the men may seem to have more spectacular jobs than others. The bomb-aimer times his release to do the utmost damage to the enemy; the pilots take turns at the controls; and the tail gunner in his little glass house keeps a watchful eye open for attacking aircraft.

Perched at his instruments amidships, in the dark interior of the bomber, sits the wireless operator, who would seem to have only routine stuff to do; but sometimes it all depends on him. The other night, our aircraft went out in foul weather to raid important German targets. Many of the bombers ran into icing conditions and fierce storms.

Against the enormous odds of this weather one bomber had to abandon the attack on the primary target. The aircraft had iced up, and consequently the engine was not behaving well. The whole flight had been made through stormy weather, visibility amounted to next to nothing, and the air was heavily charged with electricity.

The tail gunner reported sparks all round the tail, and later, when the starboard engine was overheating badly, flames joined the sparks. Then the port engine began to misbehave.

Electrical disturbance was all around, and the wireless operator had to keep his aerial earthed most of the time to avoid the last nuisance of all, a blown-out set.

There were only a few lulls in the electric storm, and every minute was precious. An extra hour in the air in those conditions might mean disaster. A minor deviation would take the aircraft beyond its capacity to struggle home. Navigation, without the wireless operator, was a matter of dead reckoning, because there was no visibility.

In a pause, while the storm and disturbance lulled, the wireless operator managed to get into communication with a home station. Catching another lull the position was checked and rechecked.

The entire crew was suffering from the bitter cold, the engine gave every sign of giving out.

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Manhattan (Shields & Stanton)	1,500
Brutus (G. Treverton)	1,500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall)	1,500
Mountain View (Lan)	1,300
Many Thanks (Kia Ora)	1,400
Connieber (Marber 1)	1,250
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	1,200
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	1,050
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,000
Nomine Poenae (Lee Bros.)	1,000
Racylight (Cire)	1,000
Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory)	1,000
Longdon (G. Tinson)	1,000
Harcossay (T. & E.)	1,000
Shuttlecock (S. T. Williamson)	1,000
Centre Court (T.K.L.)	1,000
Bona Vacantia (Culture)	900
Bugle (C. H. Chan)	900
Galveston Bay (T.K.L.)	900
Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Gladiator (Eve)	850
National Courage (Why)	800
Vanity Fair (Choice)	800
Eve of Dancing (Eve)	750
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun)	750
Hillsboro Bay (T.K.L.)	750
Australian Diamond (Diamonds)	750
A Rosy Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	750
Eve of Grandeur (Eve)	750
Far View (Lan)	700
Iron Beauty (Iron)	700
The Koala Bear (Tester & Abraham)	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Hugher (Marber 1)	700
Avon (V. M. Grayburn)	600
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
Vis Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Eve of Reason (Eve)	525
Eve of Deception (Eve)	500
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak)	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman)	500
Pumpernickel (T.L.)	500
Lancashire Lass (Necan)	500
Locus Standi (Lee Bros.)	400
Snow White (Mok Kon-sang)	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Devonian (Lady Northcote)	350
Roolfly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300

Bankier, Thomas And Riertsen Shine For The Winners

By "Referee"

Playing with only ten men for the greater part of the game, Chinese Federation were beaten by Hong Kong Football Association in the Second game of the Governor's Cup competition at Causeway Bay yesterday by 4 goals to 2 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three.

Chan Tak-fai sustained a dislocated arm in the second half and was unable to continue and his absence disorganised the Chinese attack and threw additional work on Lee Wai-tong.

Association team played well. There was hardly a weak link in the side and all their players were seen at their best shortly after the commencement of the second half.

Bankier player an excellent game in goal and brought off some daring saves. He showed good anticipation and his handling was safe throughout.

Fraser and Roughley covered him well and both tackled strongly and cleared well. Roughley was more prominent in his stackling but the latter positioned himself well

Good Halves

The intermediate line, composed entirely of Middlesex players, also did well. Bright had the centre well covered and always came out better in his tussles with Kwong Ying-kee. Freshwater, on the right, generally had the measure of Wong King-cheung, while Thomas, at left half, justified his inclusion with a good all round display. He had Yeung Shiu-yick well held and fed his forward with good passes.

Association was served by two good wingers, who were always sources of potential danger when in possession Fowle sustained a cut on the chin but was able to carry on. In the first half he had the opposing half beaten and sent over good centres besides having hard luck on several occasions.

Riertsen played well on the left wing and had a hand in all the Association's goals. His centring was timely and of the right height. He required constant attention.

Ferrier and LePage did well as inside forwards both showed good ball control and combined well with their wingers but Howlett as centre forward, in spite of the hard work he put in, was no at home in that position

Chan's Absence Felt

The absence of Chan Tak-fai had a telling effect on the Chinese as their forwards were unable to get going against the resolute Association defences. In spite of this they had several scoring opportunities but good work by Bankier and Fraser kept them out.

Sammy Tsang, in goal, was not safe He did not impress with his handling but could not be blamed for the goals.

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the backs while Tse Kam-hung found the bustling methods of Fowler very upsetting.

The intermediate line, in which Hsu King-seng was prominent, played well but the inability of their forwards to make best use of the ball threw extra work on their shoulders.

Neither of the Chinese wingers had many opportunities while Lee Wai-tong was well marked. Kwok Ying-kee tried hard but was often beaten for possession by Bright.

Association Score

Association opened the scoring through Howlett who headed in a centre from Riertsen. Chinese were soon on level terms through Yeung Shiu-yick and before half time Wong King-cheung scored a good goal.

On the resumption Association pressed and equalised when Riertsen sent in a shot which hit the upright and Howlett netted. Ferrier gave his side the lead from a penalty.

In the closing minutes Fowler made the game safe with a good shot.

H.K.F.A. — Bankier; Roughly, Fraser; Freshwater, Bright, Thomas; Fowler, Le Page, Howlett, Ferrier and Riertsen.

H.K.C.A.A.F. — Sammy Tsang; Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Cheung-sing, Hsu King-sing, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shu-yip, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Kwok Ying-kee, Wong King-cheung.

K.C.C. BEAT N.D.A. AT LAWN BOWLS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Northumberland and Durham Association by 86 -69 in a friendly lawn bowls match.

Following were the scores:

A. C. Tribble		C. E. Turpin	
A. H. Martin		E. Starling	
R. S. Meadows		S. Hodge	
W. W. Parsons (Skip)	13	T. W. Carr (Skip)	19
A. E. P. Guest		W. G. R. Coates	
H. Brokenshire		R. A. Radford	
A. Steven		C. Gowland	
L. Jack (Skip)	21	J. Fraser (Skip)	18
R. S. Capell		E. Purvis	
R. T. Burch		D. Kossick	
G. E. Taylor		J. F. MacGowan	
V. C. Labrum (Skip)	20	J. V. Ramsey (Skip)	16
A. E. Perry		G. E. Gress	
S. A. Gray		A. D. Spoors	
R. B. Wellwood		J. Smith	
T. A. Madar (Skip)	32	T. Coleman (Skip)	16
Totals	86		69

HOCKEY UMPIRES TO MEET

A meeting of the Hockey Umpires' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

All interested are invited to attend.

BOXER IN ARMY

Mike Raffa of Newell, W. Va., listed as one of the five best featherweights in the U.S.A., has traded his trunks for an army uniform. Raffa, who has served one year in the regular army in Hawaii, will be allowed brief furloughs to fill ring engagements.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for week ending April 6.

Tuesday

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v S. China
(Sookunpoo, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Adams.

Wednesday

FIRST DIVISION

R. Scots v Navy
(Sookunpoo, at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Frazer and Pike.

Club v Kwong Wah
(Club, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Marie.
Linesmen:—Winser and Taylor.

SECOND DIVISION

R.E. v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Foster.

Police v 30th R.A.
(Boundary Road, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Wilson.

THIRD DIVISION

R.E. v 24th R.A.
(Military at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Edwards.

36th R.A. v R.A.F.
(Club, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Omar.

Saturday

KOTEWELL CUP FINAL

Army v S. China
(Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Glover
Linesmen:—Ip and Beard.

FIRST DIVISION

Club v Kowloon
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Demee and Williamson

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v Kit Chee
(Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Carley.

R.A.S.C. v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Ford.

Club v 30th R.A.
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

THIRD DIVISION

Signals v 35th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Fraser

7th R.A. v A.S.A.
(Caroline Hill, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Emmons.

36th R.A. v 20th R.A.
(Military, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Barretto.

Shell v R.A.F.
(Caroline Hill, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Baker

SUNDAY HERALD CHARITY CUP FINAL

Scotland v England
(Boundary Road, at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Beard
Linesmen:—Mitchell and Marie.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles

Pang Ot-lam v. Wei Chung (1); George Choa v. T. J. Gould (7); O. Umetani v. M. Pagh (8).

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6); G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v. V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (4).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (—3/6).

SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following are the results of the Softball matches played yesterday:—

MEN'S (FIRST DIVISION)

Recrelo	12	Filipinos	5
St. Joseph's	5	Indians	3
Chinese	6	Recrelo	3

YESTERDAY'S GOLF MATCH

At Sheungshui yesterday Kowloon Golf Club beat the Country Club by 17¾ sets to 8.

SINGLES

Kowloon		Country Club	
R. K. Collings	1	F. E. A. Remedios	0
A. J. Dennis	1	A. A. Lopes	0
W. Kershaw	0	A. R. Pinna	0
T. Henderson	1	F. X. M. Silva	0
K. Mackenzie	1	A. W. da Roza	0
E. C. Finches	0	A. T. Lee	1
E. F. Fincher	0	H. Kew	1
S. Jex	1¼	E. J. M. Cuhrn	0
A. L. Eastman	0	T. Y. C. Lee	1¼
J. C. Coles	1¼	J. J. Basto	0
L. Sykes	0	M. F. Pinna	1
T. B. Low	0	I. P. Tamworth	1
W. V. Ahern	¼	J. B. Mackie	1
T. Lamb	1	C. H. Suen	0
F. C. Barry	1	W. C. Hung	1¼
A. J. Hall	1	R. E. Lee	0
Totals	9¾		5¼

FOURBALLS

Collings, Dennis	2	Remedios, Lopes	0
Mackenzie, E. C. Fincher	2	Roza, A. T. Lee	0
Ahern, Low	2	Mackie, I. P. Tamworth	0
Henderson, Kewshaw	0	A. R. Pinna, Silva	0
Coles, Sykes	0	M. F. Pinna, Basto	2½
Jex, Eastman	0	Churn, Lee	0
Barry, Lamb	0	Hung, Suen	0
E. F. Fincher, Hall	2	Kew, R. E. Lee	0
Totals	8		2½

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KOWLOON C.C.

Men's Junior Doubles

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles

J. L. Anderson v E. Zimmern (9.15 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles

M. P. Yoong v P. K. Hooi (8 p.m.).

W. Gillies v K. W. Choy (8.45 p.m.).

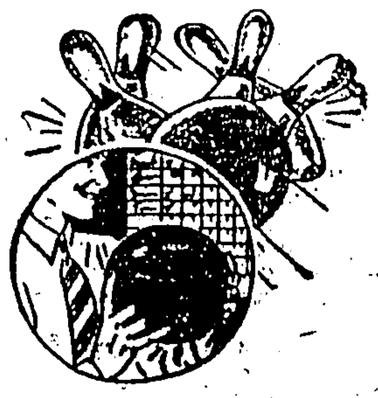
Men's Senior Doubles

Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v H. C. Eardley and A. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.).

SCHMELING—SOLDIER

Max Schmeling who since several months has been a soldier in the German army, has no intention of defending his championship, reported the "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" recently.

The International Boxing Union recently resolved that European champions must defend their titles against recognised challengers on or before July 5, 1941, the paper pointed out. Max Schmeling had, however, declared in this connection that he was now a soldier and not a boxer.



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MIDDLESEX TO MEET 'VARSITY AT ATHLETICS

Gunners Should Win Small Units K.O. Competition

By "Squaddy"

AT SOOKUNPOO to-day the British Army will play against the Indian Army in the quadrangular hockey tournament, and the following have been asked to represent the British Army team:

L/Cpl. Dove (Royal Signals); Cpl Neve (Royal Scots) and Bdr Anderson (12th Coast Regt., R.A.); Sgt Crowley (Middlesex Regt.), Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers) and Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex Regt); Lieut. Clague (Royal Artillery), Pte Sheehan (Middlesex Regt.), Gnr. Marshall (Royal Artillery), Cpl Shaw (Royal Engineers) and Cpl Singleton (Royal Engineers).

Reserves S/Sgt Saxby (Royal Engineers) and Cpl. Alsey (Royal Signals)

Gnr Marshall, of Royal Artillery, has taken the place of Pte. Hitchcot, who was injured in a previous match.

The British Army cannot fail to win this competition as they have played five games and won all, whereas the other competing teams have all lost at least two matches.

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CRICKET

ON Wednesday and Thursday the final of the Small Units cricket knockout competition will be played at Sookunpoo, between the 5th A. A. Regt., R.A. and Royal Army Service Corps.

The Gunners are favoured to win this competition as they have some experienced players in their midst and they will have the assistance of 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce and 2/Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce.

The Service Corps will have in their midst Capt. A. J. Dewar, who is an excellent all-rounder, while Logan also should be able to knock up a few runs.

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ATHLETICS

MIDDLESEX Regiment have arranged an Athletic meeting with Hong Kong University at Shamshuipo on Wednesday, April 9, which will consist of four field and four track events. This is to enable them to select their final team for the Command Athletic meeting next month.

The Middies are not trying out any of their long-distance runners, but are keeping to the shorter distances at which they are well represented.

The entries thus far for the Command meeting are the 1st. Middlesex Regiment, Combined Small Units, 12th. Coast Regiment, R.A., 5th. A. A. Regiment, R.A., 8th Coast Regiment, R.A., 2/14 Punjab Regiment, 5/7 Rajput Regiment, and 1st. H.K. Regiment, H.K.S.R.A.

The list of events for this meeting are:—

Throwing the Hammer, Throwing the Discus, Throwing the Javelin, Putting the Shot, Long Jump, Pole Vault and High Jump.

3 Miles team Race, 1 Mile team race, 2 Miles relay, 1 Mile relay, 880 yds. relay, 440 yds. relay and 480 yds. Hurdles.

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SWIMMING

THERE will be a meeting of all Unit Swimming representatives at Scandal Point Hall to-morrow to discuss the dates times and programme for Command Swimming for 1941.

The swimming bath in Victoria Barracks will in all probability be opened next week, and now that the winter season is drawing to a close, swimmers will have plenty of time to get ready for the Command swimming sports, which take place about September.

This year the half mile swimming race might be placed on the programme; last year it was cancelled owing to the cholera scare.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

THE heavy rain which fell shortly after five on Saturday perverted most cricket games from being completed. The only game finished was at Happy Valley, where Police beat University by six wickets.

Following were leading performances:—

BATTING

T. A. Pearce	100
G. Ainslie	64
Cpl. Stonor	54
M. A. Wahab	46

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio	7 for	47
G. White	6 for	35

FOOTBALL

BOTH the leading teams in Third Division won their league games by narrow margins. Air Force left matters late against International but won by the only goal scored by Ho Kar-keung. Signals were fully extended by 24th R.A. and won by the odd goal in five.

Engineers, leaders of Second Division, easily beat Kitchee, while Kwong Wah were unable to raise a team against Service Corps and forfeited the points.

K. Singh	5 for	11
W. K. Way	5 for	36
A. E. Carey	4 for	18

HOCKEY

MRS. A. Zimmern scored 6 of the 9 goals for St. Andrew's Ladies against C.B.A. ladies in a friendly hockey game on Saturday. The score was 9-1.

Recreio ladies held a practice in preparation for the seven a side tournament.

Y.M.C.A. juniors were beaten by Engineers by the only goal scored, by Singleton, while the senior team was leading by two goals against Signals when rain prevented further play.

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RACING

A NEW record was established by Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper, ridden by Mr. W. H. S. Davis, in the Broken Hill Handicap, when the distance (about 1 mile 171 yards), was covered in 1.53 at Saturday's race meeting.

United Express was unplaced in this event.

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RUGBY

THE last Rugby game of the season was played on Saturday when Club beat Hong Kong Bank by 2 goals and 2 tries (16 points) to a try (3 points).

LARGE REINFORCEMENT ARRIVES IN SINGAPORE

Crack Airmen And Seasoned Troops From Britain

ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BLOCKADE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Four German and one Italian ships which have been skulking in Brazilian ports since war began are reported in Rio de Janeiro to have applied for clearance papers.

It is believed the ships will part company in an endeavour to break the British blockade. — International News Service.

POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DAY WHEN BRITAIN WILL HAVE WON THE WAR AND PEACE, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, LORD PRIVY SEAL, SPEAKING AT GLASGOW YESTERDAY, PREDICTED THAT IN THE NEW WORLD, WAR WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND THE SHAMEFUL BLOT OF POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY WOULD BE REMOVED.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear fear of destruction, either by war or by want.

"These are two things which have oppressed the people of the 20th century."—Reuter.

Large Number Of Indian Battalions

THE FIRST UNITS of the British Army and the Royal Air Force to reach the Far East from the United Kingdom since the war began have arrived in Singapore.

This announcement was made yesterday by the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, announcing the arrival of additional reinforcements.

He added that the majority of the reinforcements consisted of famous Indian regiments, The personnel of the R.A.F. includes some of Britain's crack fighter pilots, while the British Army reinforcements include artillery, infantry and mechanised units.

The Indian reinforcements include Punjabis, Mussulmans, Rajputs and Dogras, as well as troops from Indian states in both North and South India.

After announcing the arrivals yesterday Sir Robert declared: "Our greatly increased strength in the Far East is a threat to none but on the other hand is a great stabilising force and an influence for peace.

"*ALREADY INDIA AND AUSTRALIA HAVE SENT STRONG FORCES TO THIS AREA AND THEY ARE CONTINUING TO PLAY A MOST IMPORTANT PART IN MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO IN THE FAR EAST*

War Service

"It is cause for considerable satisfaction to be able to record that the situation in other theatres of war is so favourable that forces from so far distant as the United Kingdom can not only be spared for service in this area but can be transported safely in spite of the concentrated sea and air campaign waged against our sea communications throughout the world."

Many of the military reinforcements from Britain have seen service in this war and they are equipped with the latest British material designed as a result of lessons learned during the first year of warfare.

Governor Broadcasts

Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements, in a broadcast last evening, greeted the reinforcements "cordially and gratefully."

Hundreds of Indians were at the dockside to welcome the Indian reinforcement troops, who appeared extremely fit.

Object of special note on the deck of one transport was the reverently guarded Granth Sahik (sacred Scripture of the Hindus), which was escorted ashore with due ceremony.

Happy Combination

In his broadcast, Sir Shenton Thomas said it was good to know that in Malaya there was "the same happy combination of British, Australian and Indian units which a few weeks ago had destroyed the Italian armies in Libya."

He welcomed them, he said, because "we wish for peace and strength is an insurance for peace. We have no desire to attack others but we will and can defend ourselves." — Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE TO VICEROY

The King has sent the following message to the Viceroy of India: "I heartily congratulate India on the part her armed forces played in the capture of Keren.

"A victory in the face of heavy odds has added fresh laurels to India's Military renown."

The Viceroy replied: "The Viceroy with his humble duty begs to thank Your Majesty for your most gracious message on the achievements of the Indian Army at Keren.

"Your Majesty's gracious words will be most deeply valued by all ranks of the Indian armed forces and will be the greatest possible encouragement to them." —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

London had had no air raid warning up to a late hour last night.

A single German raider dropped some bombs in south-east Scotland but caused no damage or casualties.

This was the only incident thus far reported last night. —Reuter.

DEATH

SPAFFORD — At her residence, No. 1, Broadwood Road, Mrs. Balbina Libanie, mother of Mrs. J. Gascon de Bernedo and Mrs. H. M. Xavier on March 31st, 1941. Funeral will pass the momunent at 5.30 p.m. (Macao, Manila, Saigon and Singapore papers please copy).

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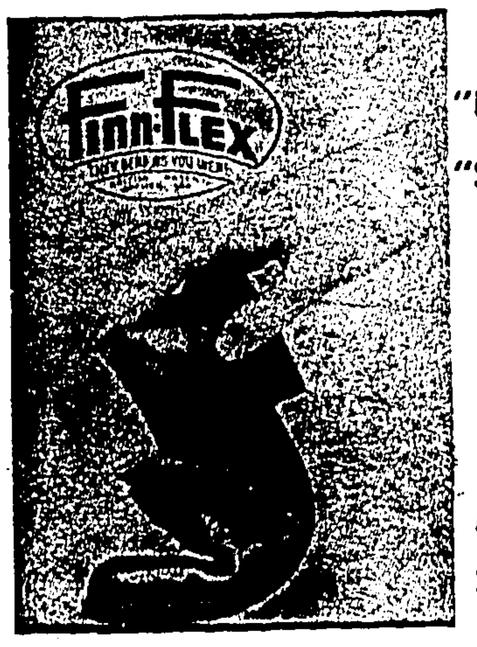

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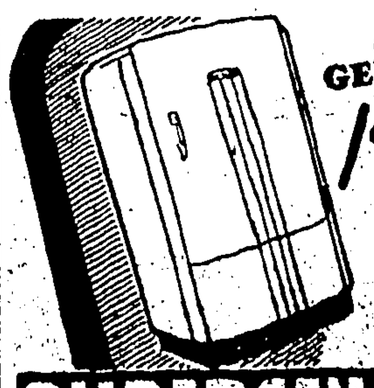

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FIVE ITALIAN WARSHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM IN IONIAN SEA

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LATER NEWS OF THE NAVAL AND AIR BATTLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOWS THAT BRITAIN HAS STRUCK THE GREATEST BLOW OF THE WAR AT SEA.

Five Italian warships — three cruisers and two destroyers — have been sent to the bottom without a single casualty or the slightest damage to the British Fleet.

It is officially confirmed that the enemy cruisers sunk were the Fiume, Pola and Zara, and that a large and a small destroyer were also destroyed.

News of the successful outcome of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's operations is described in the following communique issued by the Admiralty in London last evening:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that no casualties or damage were sustained by His Majesty's ships throughout the recent operation.

"Some of our aircraft are, however, not accounted for.

"So far it is confirmed that the following Italian warships have been sunk:

"The 8-inch gun cruisers Fiume, Pola and Zara,

"The large destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto, and

"The destroyer Maestrade.

"Further details are awaited."

10,000 Tons Each

The Fiume, which was heavily armed, carried eight 8-inch guns among her armament, and her complement was 705 officers and ratings.

All three cruisers were of 10,000 tons.

The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto was completed in 1936 and had a displacement of 1,700 tons and a complement of 157.

The Maestrade had similar arm-

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GUARDS ON AXIS LINERS

The number of Italian ships on which armed American guards have been placed is now stated to be 28, including the 23,000-ton liner "Conte Biancamano," at Cristobal, Panama.

Guards have also been placed on two German ships, namely the "Aracuna," at Port Everglades, Florida, and the "Pauline Friederich," at Boston.

Discovery of "wholesale damage" on some of these ships was announced by Mr. Herbert Gaston, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

He said the measures taken in consequence of this discovery were "purely protective." President Roosevelt, he added, had approved the steps taken. — Reuter.

PRESIDENT ENDS HIS HOLIDAY

Having concluded his holiday cruise on the presidential yacht Potomac, President Roosevelt yesterday left by train for Washington, says Reuter from New York.

Naval Battle Survivors In Greece

Survivors have been landed at Piraeus from four of the five Italian ships sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by British warships.

Three Italian cruisers, the Fiume, Pola and Zara, and an Italian destroyer are represented among these survivors.

They were brought in by a Greek destroyer.—Reuter.

Call To Catholic Germany

A call to Catholic Germany to awake and face the pagan tendencies which the Nazi regime is spreading throughout the Reich occupied territory, was made in a broadcast by the Vatican radio yesterday.

The announcer declared that the religious situation in Germany was highly unsatisfactory and condemned the Nazi attitude to the Church in outspoken terms.

The threat of State religion hung over all religious life in these territories.

The announcer said lecturers, teachers and propagandists inculcate pagan principles into German youth, deprived of proper religious instruction.

Even in schools, where a priest is, in theory admitted, he often finds the door closed to him.—Reuter.

U.S. STRIKES ENDING

The strikes in various United States defence industries show some improvement.

It was announced yesterday that a settlement has been reached in Bethlehem Steel Company's works at Johnston, Pennsylvania.

Congress of Industrial Organisation workers, at a meeting in Chicago, agreed to return to work immediately at four International Harvester Company factories which have been closed for eight weeks. — Reuter.

MOBILISATION CONTINUES IN YUGOSLAVIA

Extra military classes were called up in Yugoslavia last night.

It is announced in Belgrade that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontiers.

A fifth batch of Italian civilians left Belgrade by express for Milan on Saturday night.

Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated, most of the Germans and Italians in Belgrade will have left by to-morrow. — Reuter.

INVASION PORTS STRAFED

The German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk last night.

Explosions were heard from the British side and fires seen in the direction of Calais.

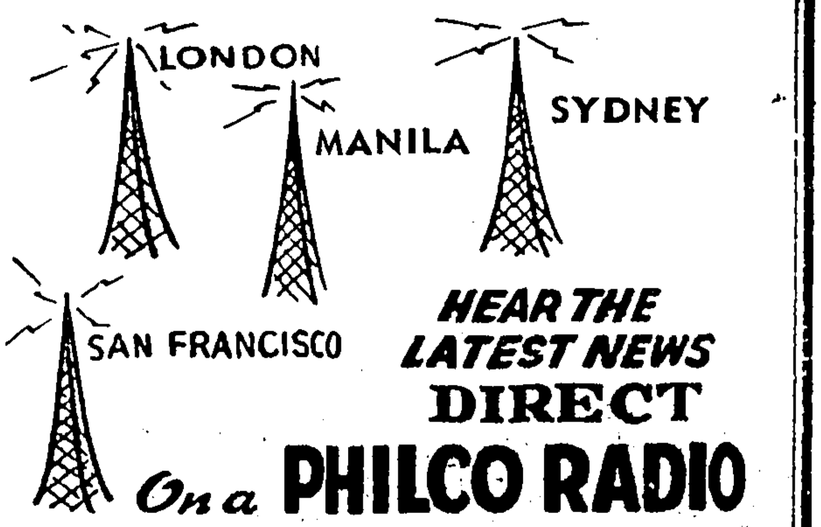
Earlier, during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except for one bomber, which was driven off.

The R.A.F.'s swoop on the German invasion ports along the French coast was intensive and heavy.

Fierce Fires

Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view. Bombs and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk, and the clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires, while the thud of many heavy explosions could clearly be heard.—Reuter.



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YUGOSLAV FRONTIER REPORTED TO BE CLOSED

German And Italian Residents Leaving Country

GERMAN RADIO VERSIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE FRONTIER BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND STYRIA (AUSTRIA) HAS BEEN CLOSED BY THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES.

Reich Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency.

A first special train, with some 800 Germans, left last evening and another train leaves early this morning.

Not only Italian journalists but Italians generally are beginning to leave Yugoslavia, according to latest reports from Rome, adds the German agency.

German Army Movements

Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from south to north via the Kinajevo road, through the suburbs of Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency yesterday.

The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwilengrad, on the Bulgar-Turkish frontier.

Yugoslav Discipline

A Belgrade telegram to the official Italian agency reports the arrests of pro-Axis journalists, including Gregorich, director of the pro-Axis "Vreme" newspaper.

News from Yugoslav sources in Belgrade emphasises that popular enthusiasm is being kept strictly within the limits of order and discipline.

The Simovitch Government is dealing with current business, particularly the budget.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR RECALLED

The Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey was scheduled to leave for Belgrade last evening.

It is understood he was recalled by his Government for consultation.—Reuter.

BRITAIN DELIVERS THE GOODS

DESPITE THE LOSS OF LARGE EUROPEAN MARKETS IN DENMARK AND HOLLAND, BRITISH EXPORTS OF BICYCLES WERE HIGHER LAST YEAR THAN IN 1939.

The fact that exports last year were extra-European is also a comment on the failure of Hitler's counter-blockade to curtail British oversea trade.

Exports of bicycles to South America are increasing steadily. Brazil, for example, last year took more than double the number of bicycles of British manufacture she did in 1939.

Value of bicycles exported in 1940 was £3,570,829. — British Wireless.

LUPESCU ESTATES CONFISCATED

The remaining property in Rumania belonging to Madame Lupescu, who accompanied ex-King Carol to exile, has been confiscated, says a Bucharest message to the German news agency. — Reuter.

This woman seen wearing a striking winter fashion does not seem to mind the cold—but she attracted plenty of attention as she walked through the West-End of London recently.—(Copyright, Fox.)

TOLD BLACK-OUT DUE TO LAMPLIGHTERS' STRIKE

Mrs. Elizabeth Hampshire, of Barton-terrace, Beeson, Yorkshire, who has died at Leeds aged 102, did not know there was a war on, and her daughters explained the black-out by telling her the lamplighters had gone on strike.

She was deaf and could not hear the sirens, and newspapers were kept from her.

A native of Wakefield, Mrs Hampshire had been bed-ridden for some time.

BOSTON INCIDENT

ARMED COASTGUARDS HAVE BEEN SEEN BOARDING THE GERMAN OIL TANKER PAULINE FRIEDERICH (4,733 TONS) IN BOSTON HARBOUR, MASSACHUSETTS, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER "BOSTON RECORD" YESTERDAY, SAYS A REUTER TELEGRAM.

NAZI SHIP SLIPS OUT OF SHANGHAI

Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobtrusive departure from Shanghai at the week-end of the large German freighter "Ramses," which had been tied up in the local harbour since the outbreak of war.

Present whereabouts of the vessel are not disclosed but, unofficially, she has headed for Japan.

It is learned the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities.

Waterfront circles in Shanghai believe that the "Ramses," which is of 7,983 tons, is most probably to be converted into a raider.

Only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the converted Italian "Conte Verde" of 18,500 tons. — Reuter.

NAZIS WORKING UP "ATROCITY" CAMPAIGN

All German broadcasts last night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia.

It is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaigns preceeding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland. — Reuter.

U.S. GRANTS FOR RELIEF IN GREECE

The United States has now contributed £750,000 to relief in Greece, it was stated in Athens yesterday.

RUMANIA FOLLOWS AXIS LINE ON BELGRADE ISSUE

"A RETURN TO THE line of policy agreed to by Yugoslavia at Vienna no longer seems possible for the Simovitch Government," declared a Bucharest despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

It adds that political circles in Rumania declare, on the basis of information obtained from Belgrade, that "the measures adopted by the new Government are assuming a more pronounced anti-Axis tendency."

"Irresponsible fanatics" are held responsible for this, says the agency, which adds:

"A grave impression was made by the flight of peasants of German origin from Yugoslavia to Rumania."

The German radio reports anti-Italian demonstrations on Saturday night at Zagreb, capital of Croatia, but on the other hand the German news agency states:

Croats Confer

"Perfect order and quiet" prevail in Zagreb, where the leaders of the Croat Peasant Party are conferring on the situation under the presidency of Dr. Matchek.

The Ban (Governor) of Croatia, M. Spubachitch, whom Dr. Matchek sent to Belgrade on behalf of the Croats, has now returned to Zagreb, where he immediately conferred with Dr. Matchek.—Reuter.

Dr. Matchek Accepts

DR. MATCHEK, THE CROAT LEADER, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BELGRADE FROM ZAGREB TO-MORROW, ACCORDING TO A BELGRADE DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

He has been away from the capital since the coup d'etat on Thursday and has not yet formally indicated his acceptance of the office of Vice-Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet.

The despatch, however, says he has now agreed in principle to participate in the new Government on receiving assurances that there will be no change in the status of Croatia, which was granted a measure of autonomy in 1939. — Reuter.

SHE CAN SMOKE, SO—

"A woman who is sufficiently manly to smoke is sufficiently manly to go to gaol for this sort of thing." That was the sheriff's comment at a West of Scotland court, when he sent Ella Bain, thirty-seven, of Great George Street, Glasgow, to prison for six weeks for having cigarettes and matches with her in a war factory.

The procurator-fiscal said she deliberately brought in cigarettes to have a smoke when she felt inclined. The fact that she was a woman did not lessen the danger.

GOVERNOR'S TERM EXTENDED

The term of office of Sir Herbert James Stanley as Governor of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until October next, says a Reuter message from London.

MATSUOKA ON HIS WAY TO ROME

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has left Berlin for Rome, says a Reuter despatch.

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ANGLO-FRENCH CLASH OFF ALGIERS COAST

Shore Batteries Fire On Warships: Convoy Incident

AN INCIDENT IN WHICH FRENCH SHORE BATTERIES IN ALGIERS OPENED FIRE ON SOME BRITISH LIGHT NAVAL FORCES IS RELATED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ADMIRALTY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The communique states: "Reports had been received that a convoy of four merchantships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that the convoy carried important war material for Germany.

"Accordingly orders were given for the interception of the convoy which, however, passed through the Straits within Spanish territorial waters.

"Our forces caught up with the French ships after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"French shore batteries in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships, notwithstanding that they were merely engaged in exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights.

"His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence, and hits were observed on shore batteries.

Interests Of Humanity

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchantships and their escort, but in the interests of humanity did not do so and the mechantships succeeded in entering the nearby French port of Nemours.

"During the return of our forces to Gibraltar they were twice attacked by French bomber formations without suffering damage or casualties."

The French version of the incident says that "a considerable British naval force attacked at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning in French territorial waters, between Nemours and Oran, a convoy of four French merchantships bound from Casablanca to Oran under the escort of a single French destroyer.

"The convoy took shelter in the port of Nemours under the protection of its escort, naval shore batteries and aircraft, which replied to the fire of the aggressors and drove them off.

"The convoy is safe and unharmed."—Reuter.

MORE ALLEGED DETAILS

A French version of the Anglo-French convoy incident, given in a French Admiralty communique, also claims that the cargo of the merchantships concerned consisted solely of commodities and products destined to supply the native population of Algeria.

The cargo, it claims, was rice, sugar, barley and so forth, and the communique adds: "All the evidences, and the route followed by the ships along the Algerian coast, goes to show it was a transaction between two French possessions.

"The attack on the convoy by British warships cannot, therefore, be explained by the necessities of the blockade, the object of which is to prevent cargo ships taking food supplies to belligerent countries."

The communique contends that the British "attack" was entirely unjustifiable and "incomprehensible."—Reuter.

ONE SHIP CARRIED RUBBER

It was revealed in London last night that one of the four French ships challenged by British naval units in the Mediterranean was carrying a cargo of rubber, and Germany is very short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles that at least one of these ships sailed from Bangkok with rubber, which would inevitably find its way across the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always fully maintained her rights under international law to search ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany, and it has long been notorious that French merchantmen have been carrying to French metropolitan ports various materials, a high proportion of which are immediately appropriated by Germany.

Strange Reflection

It is considered in London a strange reflection on French policy that she should attack British forces at the very time when the British Navy was engaged in destroying warships of France's enemy, Italy.

Moreover, the French action, as seen in London, appears particularly untimely when Britain has indicated her willingness to abrogate her international right to the extent of allowing the passage of certain foodstuffs in order to relieve sufferings in unoccupied France caused by German rapacity.—Reuter.

ONLY THREE DAYLIGHT AIR RAIDERS

Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight yesterday.

One of them crashed near Middlesbrough, in Yorkshire, shot down by a Spitfire patrol. All the crew were killed.—Reuter.

A "DEPTH" CHARGE

WITH A SINGLE BOMB A COASTAL COMMAND BLENHEIM YESTERDAY SANK A GERMAN ANTI-SUBMARINE VESSEL OFF THE ESTUARY OF THE LOIRE.

The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry news service. There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LOSSES IN ALBANIA

An Italian stock-taking of the war in Albania would show losses in men and material far outweighing any advantages.

Italian prisoners say the recent offensive cost 50,000 casualties. Huge stores of materials were captured which the Greeks are now using.

TRIPOLI HEAVILY BOMBED BY R.A.F.

THE IMPORTANT HARBOUR of Tripoli, in Libya, was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday/Saturday, and bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in the R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday, which states: "Italian East Africa: there was further intense activity by the Royal Air Force in the Asmara area on Saturday.

In the town itself the main station buildings, trucks, sidings and a motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport, a factory and a stores yard were set on fire.

Motor transport and troops on roads in the same area were heavily bombed and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others damaged.

Aircraft of a Free French squadron took part in a raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara, where military buildings were demolished by direct hits.

Railway Attacked

North of Dessye and in the Awash area considerable damage was done to a large concentration of motor vehicles when they were bombed and machine-gunned.

The railway station at Metarhari was also dive-bombed and the railway line damaged.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force carried out successful bombing and machine-gun attacks on motor transport and buildings in the Nagi area.

Near Diredawn motor transport vehicles were overturned and many others observed to be damaged after machine-gun attack from the air.

Libya: during the night of March 28/29 R.A.F. bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli.

Ships Strafed

LARGE BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO FALL AMONG SHIPPING AND OTHERS WERE SEEN BURSTING BETWEEN THE WIRELESS STATION AND THE MAIN ELECTRIC POWER STATION.

Albania: Three successful offensive reconnaissances were made on Saturday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukai and Dukati.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

ARMY 'LASSIES' KILLED WHILE READING BIBLE

Two women were killed while reading the Bible on Sunday night when a bomb hit a house used as Salvation Army officers' quarters in an outer London area.

They were Adjutant Edna M. Mortimer, aged thirty-two, whose parents live at Scarborough, Yorks, and Lieutenant Gertrude A. Cocksedge, twenty-four, whose parents live at Manchester.

They had been out earlier in the evening selling copies of the "War Cry," but returned home because the raid was so severe.

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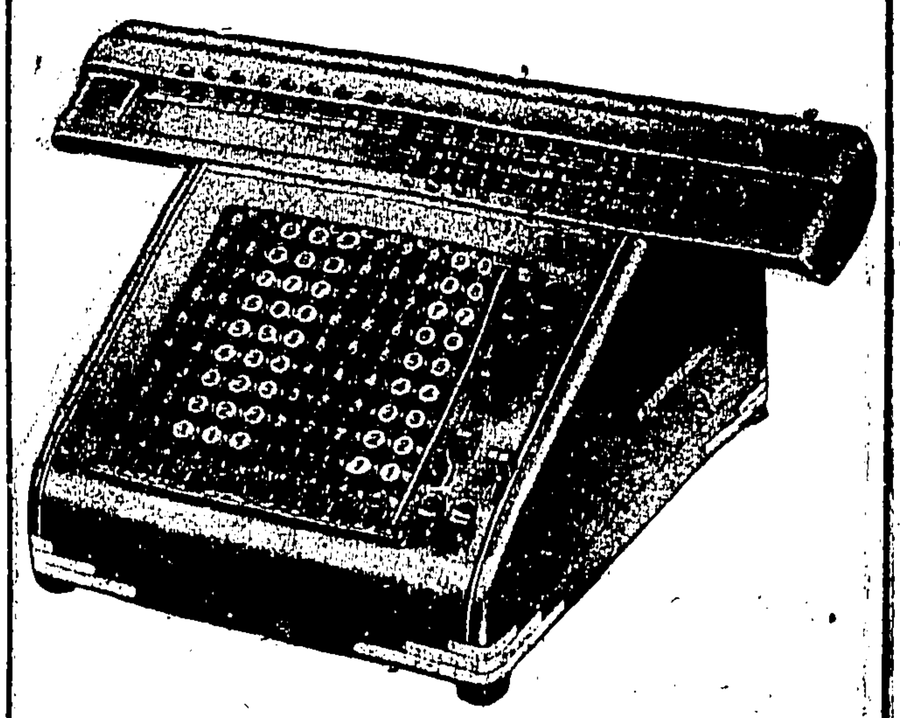

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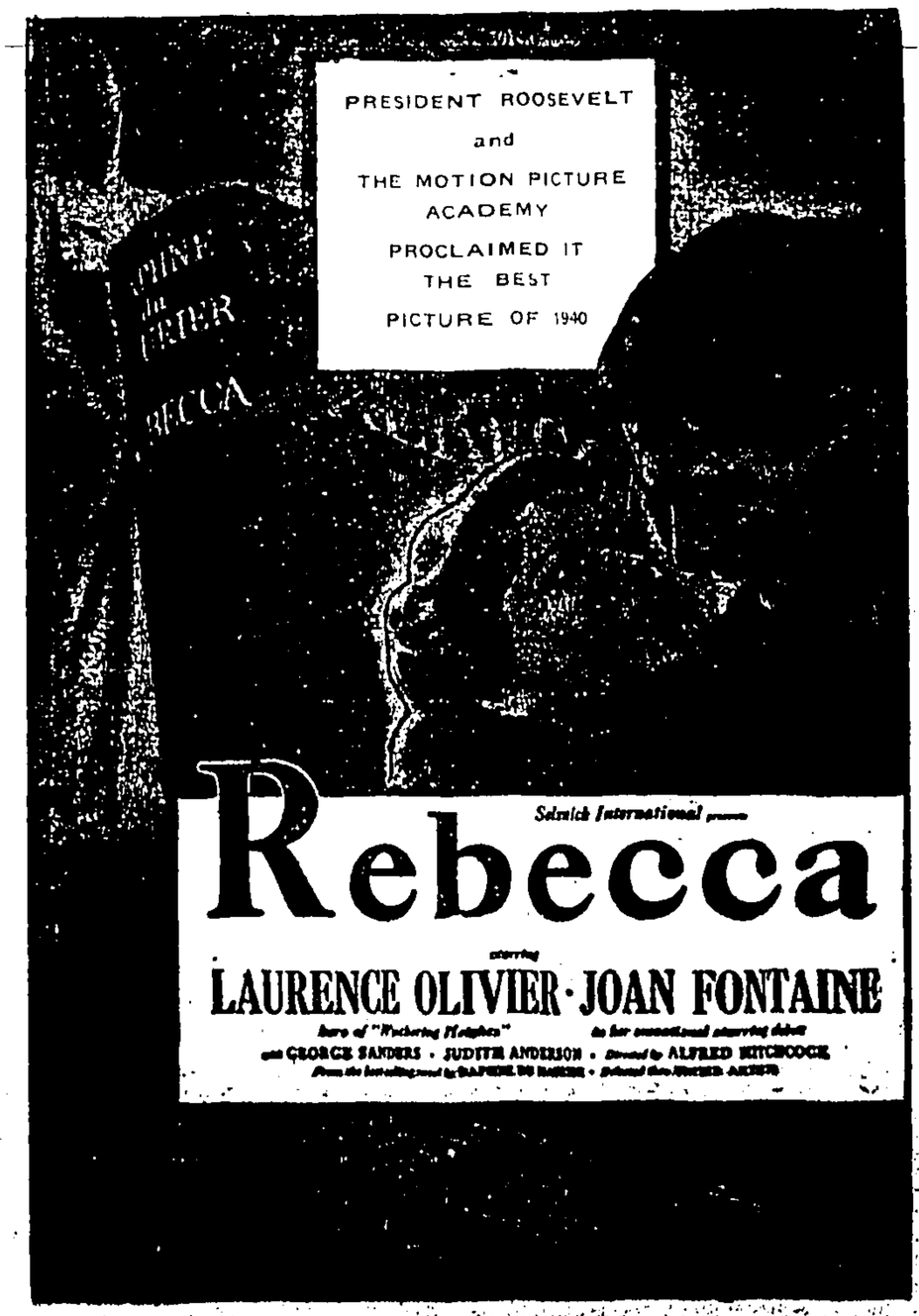

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It was feared that an outbreak of terrorism would mark the anniversary but fortunately the day passed peacefully.

The anniversary also passed off without incident in Nanking, according to reports reaching Shanghai.

Wang Ching-wei, President of the Japanese-sponsored Nanking Government, opened the celebrations in a special ceremony in the morning with a speech in which he referred to the cooperation of the Nanking regime with Japan and in supporting Japan in their efforts to establish a co-prosperity sphere in greater East Asia.

Nanking Goes Gay

The entire city was bedecked with bunting and flags of the new regime and later Wang Ching-wei reviewed units of troops and guards of the new regime at the Central Military Academy.

The first day of the celebrations ended with a commemoration ball in the evening at the International Club, in which discussions for setting up the new regime had first taken form over a year ago.—Reuter.

HOPE FOR STATE AS LANDLADY

Landladies at East Coast resorts want to become tenants of the Government.

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Mr. F. H. Emms, Secretary of the Great Yarmouth Hotel and Apartment Keepers' Association, said:

"Something simply must be done for these people or they will all go bankrupt.

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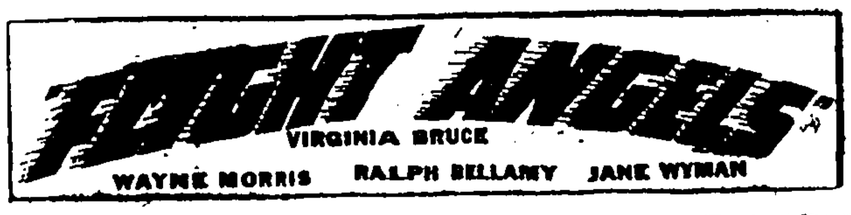

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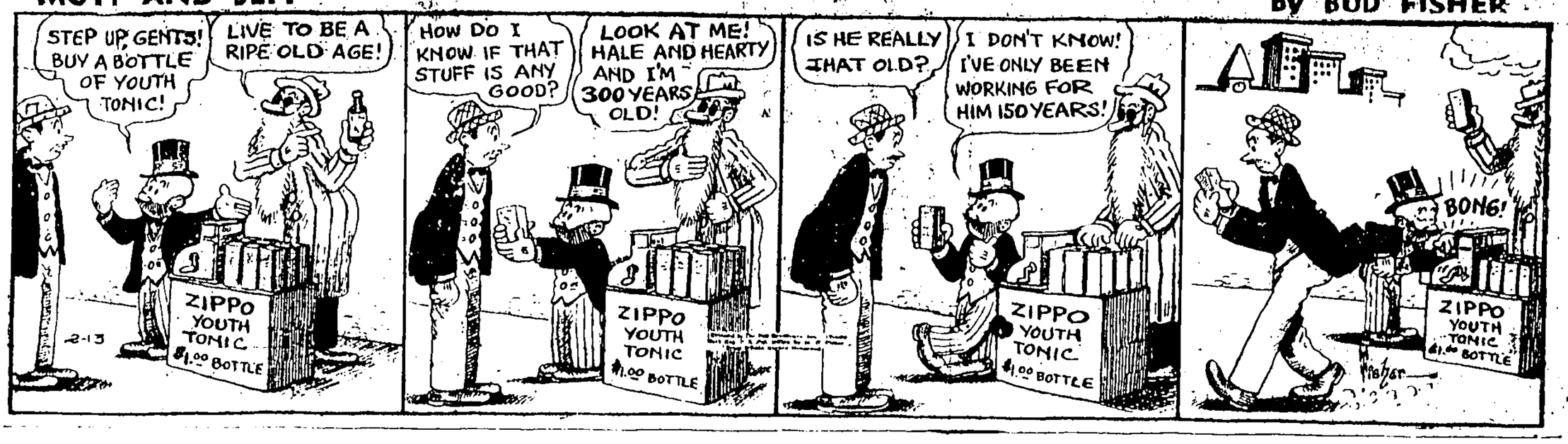

LONDON LEFT ALONE

London had had no air raid warning up to a late hour last night.

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This was the only incident thus far reported last night.—Reuter.

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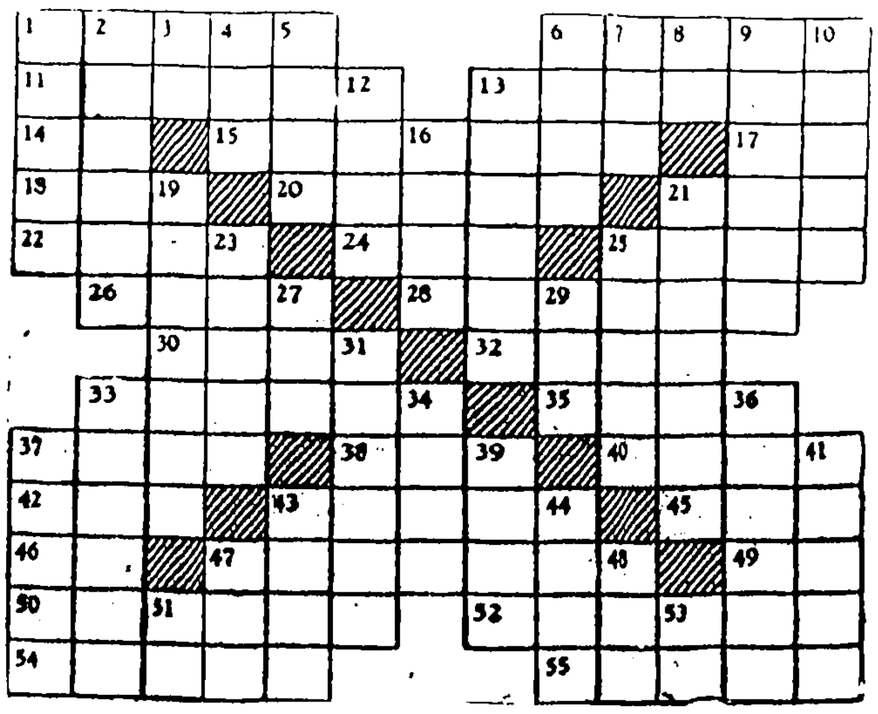

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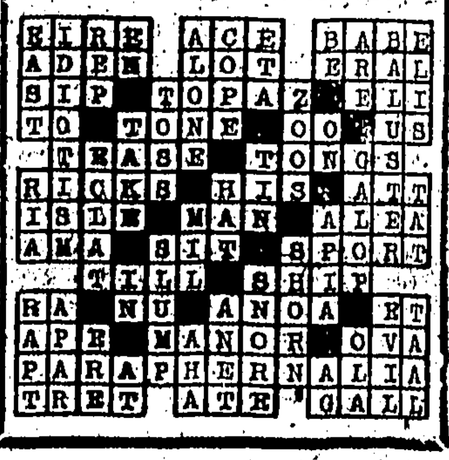

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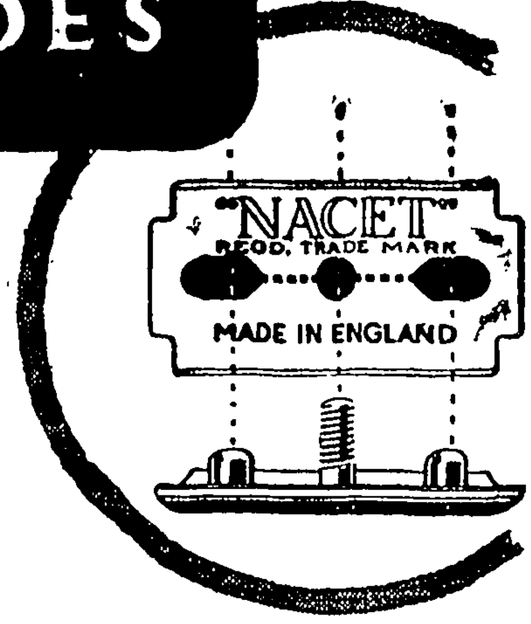

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The tactics of the withdrawing Italians consist of dynamiting the cliffside, bringing an avalanche onto the highway and creating a temporarily effective block which the enemy covers with machine-guns from the surrounding heights.

While our infantry mop up these machine-gun posts, gangs of sappers set to work to blast a way through the mass of rock.

Over The Top

On several occasions they simply reload the road across the top of the rock.

On the rapidity of their work depends the speed of our advance.

LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE FIRST BIG BLOCK, 40 MILES FROM ASMARA, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME.

The Cairo military spokesman revealed yesterday that one-third of the prisoners taken at Keren are Italians and the rest native troops.

He placed the number of Italian dead and seriously wounded at 5,000 or 6,000. — Reuter.

PEER FOUND SHOT DEAD

Family Dogged By Tragedy

Viscount Lambton, son and heir of the Earl of Durham, was found shot dead on the lawn in front of the family residence of Fenton House, near Wooler, Northumberland. He was 20.

Lord Lambton had recently returned to Fenton from London, where he had a town house in Gloucester Gate. He left this about 18 months ago to live in the country. He registered recently for military service.

Tragedy has dogged the Lambton family through many generations. Within the last four years, three of its members have met untimely deaths.

Beatrix, Countess of Durham died in April, 1937, on the day her grand-daughter, Lady Rachel Douglas-Home, was married to Lord William Scott. Lady Durham had been in a Berwick shop a week earlier to choose a wedding present when she fell heavily.

Her husband, the fourth earl, succeeded to the title in September, 1928, but died in the following January. Their second son, Geoffrey, was killed in action in 1914.

Two cousins of the present Earl met tragic deaths. In October, 1937, Mr. Gervase Lambton was lost at sea, between Port Sudan and Aden, while travelling by liner to Kenya.

Just over a year later Mr. D'Arcy Lambton was killed and his wife seriously injured when their car collided with a lorry on the Oxford-Worcester road near Woodstock.

The Lambton Worm

According to an ancient family tradition, that of the Lambton worm, the Lords of Lambton for nine generations were doomed not to die in their beds. The story dates from the time of the Crusades, when the then Lord Lambton killed a worm so huge that it could wind itself round a hill near Lambton Castle.

But the price of his victory was that he should kill the first living thing he met after slaying the worm. It was his father whom he met and did not kill, with the result that the nine generations curse was laid on the family.

ANCHORED JUNK IN MINEFIELD

Cheong Kwai, junk-foki, was charged at the Marine Court with anchoring his junk inside the Tathong Channel Minefield.

Pointing out that it was a serious offence, Commander Stiff imposed a fine of $20 or three weeks.

DE GAULLE AT KEREN

General de Gaulle recently visited Free French forces on the Keren front, it was revealed in Cairo yesterday, says a Reuter dispatch.

THREW NAZI OUT OF WINDOW

How a German soldier was thrown out of the window of the Cafe d'Harcourt, on the Boulevard Saint Michel, Paris, is told in a letter published by "France," organ of the Free French movement, from a Parisienne.

She was in the Cafe d'Harcourt frequented by students, when from a first-floor window a German soldier in green uniform was pushed out bodily. He rolled down the awning and on to the pavement.

A German officer with revolver sprang forward, and the German police with clubs tried to disperse the crowd. There was a scuffle, and that evening a number of people failed to return to their homes. The cafe was closed for several days.

"We see daily the work of your (British) troops, land and sea forces and the R.A.F. when whole trains of wounded arrive in the capital," adds the correspondent. "Thank you for not having missed your objective."

GERMAN SHIPPING MACHINE-GUNNED

The R.A.F., continuing their policy of seeking out and attacking German shipping off the French and Dutch coasts, have announced that three such ships were machine-gunned and bombed off the Dutch coast yesterday, in addition to the destruction of an anti-submarine vessel in the Loire estuary.—Reuter.

PEOPLE TO WIN THE PEACE THIS TIME

ALTHOUGH A PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WON THE LAST WAR THEY LOST THE PEACE. THIS TIME THEY INTENDED TO WIN THE WAR AND WIN THE PEACE AS WELL.

This conviction was expressed by Mr. Clement Attlee speaking the Glasgow last evening, when he pointed out that a lack of a common European patriotism had enabled the Nazis to isolate their victims by playing on mutual suspicions and hatreds.

Some people insisted, Mr. Attlee said, that the unity of nations depended only upon dictates of self-interest but when he saw free volunteers from overseas who came to fight Nazism, and when he read of contributions made by poorly paid Africans, and when he learned of acts of heroism and self-sacrifice performed by men and women of all classes and creeds in the Civil Defence Services, he know that the unity of the peoples of the British Empire was founded on a spiritual ideal.

Mr. Attlee stressed the duty of thinking of post-war problems and how they were to be met. He urged young people to set their minds to work, as it was their world that would have to be built.

Modified Sovereignty

Speaking of Europe after the war Mr. Attlee: "We want a Europe where all nations will be able to live their own lives in security and peace but I do not believe this will be possible on the basis of complete and absolute individualism.

We want a Europe and a world where all shall be prosperous but I do not believe prosperity and a high stardard of living is compatible with complete economic self-sufficiency for each nation." — British Wireless.

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THE GRAND ALLIANCE

"There is going to be a united and altogether successful effort in the production of defence materials in the United States to be used by ourselves, by Great Britain and by Greece and China. I have no misgivings about the outcome of this war." Thus Mr. Harry Hopkins, personal envoy of President Roosevelt.

It is commonplace today. How fantastic it would have appeared nine months ago! Nine months of endurance worked this mighty change. Seven months more and an equal transformation may be presented to our gaze. For Mr. Hopkins says that by 1942 American production may have reached its peak, and President Roosevelt, in the most direct and far-reaching of his propositions, demands the means to achieve it. Those months will summon from us stiffer endurance and fiercer hardship. Yet we have the promise to beckon us through.

Was there ever such a convulsion in the affairs of men? "Those who survey with a curious eye the revolutions of mankind," wrote Gibbon, "may observe that the gardens and circus of Nero on the Vatican, which were polluted with the blood of the first Christians, have been rendered still more famous by the triumph and by the abuse of the persecuted religion. On the same spot a temple which far surpasses the ancient glories of the Capital, has been since erected by the Christian pontiffs, who deriving their claim of universal dominion from a humble fisherman of Galilee have succeeded to the throne of the Caesars, given laws to the barbarian conquerors of Rome and extended their spiritual jurisdiction from the coast of the Baltic to the shores of the Pacific Ocean."

That was a tale of centuries. How will it compare with the story of a people who stood alone and forsaken against the most monstrous and powerful Moloch which ever threatened mankind and who emerged after months the leader of a Grand Alliance of free nations?

DAVID AND GOLIATH

A Great Chance Lost

By Luis Araquistain

The psychology of the Britons is indeed very peculiar. During four long months they have endured the fiercest bombing raids ever suffered by any country with imperturbable spirit. For the last few weeks most of the London population have ceased to go down to the refuges. We have not had any night raids and very few day alerts for the last week, and people are asking themselves half ironically and half anxiously what new Blitz — the term Blitz having become a common word among ordinary people — is Hitler preparing? As though it could be possible to surpass the already known. Of course there is always the possibility of gas. But so far it is not likely. The possibility of reprisals is to be borne in mind, and the Germans know perfectly well that the British gasses will not be inferior to theirs and that its climate will make Germany a better target. Anything can be expected from the Nazis' last desperate throw, but so far that moment is yet distant.

The explanation for this temporary lull is to be searched in the displacement of the war. The battle is no longer concentrated in the North Seas but in the Mediterranean. Britain has recovered its initiative and, faithful to the best rule in the art of war, has concentrated its attack on the weak point of its enemies — the Mediterranean basin. Soon the new Roman empire will have become a sweet dream, dismissed by a tragic awakening. In the whole of Africa there will be no Italians left except for the dead or those made prisoners. Hitler has forgotten — or never knew — that Empires are not improvised, nor do they spring from the heads of megalomaniacs. They are biological creations, the work of the centuries and of a whole nation, as was the ancient Roman Empire, and later the Spanish and now the British.

Hitler displaces himself from the North Seas to the Mediterranean in order to check the downfall of his ally's empire, collapsing like a balloon. But it is too late. The Nazi leader has made a tragic error. He was determined to defeat Britain as he had defeated France, by attacking the centre, in its own heart, where it was strongest, instead of seeking for more vulnerable points in the Empire. This was a dangerous misconception. When Lord Halifax stated, some days ago, that Hitler lost the war in June 1940, in Britain's weakest moment because he did not push his offensive then against this country, the new British Ambassador in Washington was probably right, specially if in that moment he was thinking of the Mediterranean situation. I believe, nevertheless, that if Germany could not destroy the British Army in Dunkirk it could not have defeated it at home, even in those days of maximum defencelessness.

But if Hitler then had had the vision to send to Africa one or two thousand aeroplanes and his best general staff to lead the Italian army, when Britain, trusting to the French troops in North Africa, had left Egypt practically without a garrison, the course of the war would have been totally different. Mussolini, intoxicated with his African victories, would not have given Greece a thought. Suez would have been in great peril and it is probable that the African French Empire would have capitulated also. And if Hitler, in such favourable psychological and military circumstances, had completed this manoeuvre by pushing his troops into Iran and taken over the south of Spain, the Mediterranean Western key—whether Gibraltar resisted or not — would have ceased to be in British hands. With the whole of North Africa dominated, the Axis' triumphant forces would have been able to spread all along the Western littoral of that Continent and, with their Air Force and submarines, would have made trade between America and Britain almost impossible.

This desperate position would have led to a deadly discouragement to all those in America who wanted to uphold this country, but only on condition that their assistance should not be quixotic and sterile. To-day Hitler, realising the weakness of his ally and thinking of the British move which transferred the war to the Mediterranean just when he had reassembled his forces, must bitterly regret his bad move, remembering that in June 1940 all the trump cards were in his hand, and that he lost for ever a unique and marvellous opportunity.

But now it is too late. Too late to save Italy and her Empire; too late to withdraw from Greece and to attack through the Balkan wasp's nest; too late for Suez and Gibraltar; too late for the Mediterranean battle and also for the Atlantic battle. Too late to intimidate America, and even too late for a peace like that of 1918, which not only left intact the vanquished, but sowed the seeds of disunity so well among the victors that twenty years later Germany was able to resume war, more powerful than she was even in 1914.

It is obvious that the United States not only want to contribute to the triumph and endurance of Britain but also to prepare a peace that no country or combined countries will ever be able to violate without an immediate and exemplary punishment. The future League of Nations will not be in Geneva but in London and Washington. The transfer of American warships to Britain; the lease for a hundred years of British naval bases in America to the United States; the unrestricted delivery of war material leased or lent instead of sold; the unprecedented welcome given by Roosevelt to Lord Halifax in the open seas, the appointment of a personal and unofficial envoy of the American President to Britain; Mr. Wendell Willkie's visit, not as a defeated presidential candidate but as an almost certain successor to Mr. Roosevelt, seeking information of the problems connected with the war, and also perhaps to acquaint himself with the projects of any permanent peace that may be being planned here — projects which he may be called to put into execution in four years' time or to continue them if already begun — all these are signs that something great and without precedent in history for the future of Europe and the world is being forged.

It looks as though the two Anglo-Saxon democracies have decided to demonstrate not only that they are invincible, but also that, in future, they will become impregnable. In June 1940, Hitler, besides losing the war, did something else. He made it impossible for any future Hitler to arise in Europe.

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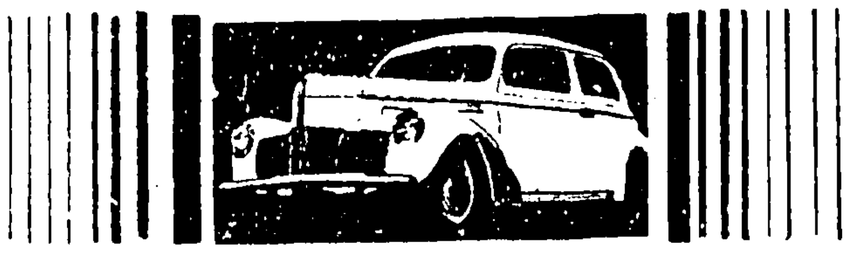

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDER THE NAZIS

"THE HIGHEST PITCH OF HATRED"

DR. L. FEIERABEND, Minister of State for the Czechoslovak Republic, has an article in "Rotary Service" in which he describes the pattern of democracy in his country before Munich and his belief in its resurrection. In the course of his description of German barbarism in the treatment of his fellow-countrymen he says:—

Western European statesmen believed Hitler more than they did our democratic Republic, and did not even allow us to take part in the deliberations by which our fate was determined. They compelled us to accept the Munich Agreement by which they came to terms with Hitler and Mussolini.

A terrible treaty was signed which took advantage of the situation, and, most important of all, it took from us the power of defending ourselves.

And at this awful hour Czechoslovakia, which was well defended and fortified, with forty mobile divisions, gave the most striking demonstration of its willingness to save Europe and redeem the world through its sacrifice. From this point of view I can say that I am proud of one of the most tragic moments in our history. The sacrifice of Czechoslovakia was, of course, in vain, as we knew even then. For Hitler it represented only one stage, and on March 15, 1939, he appropriated the remainder of the country, incorporating what was left of Bohemia and Moravia into the area of German living-space.

For Bohemia and everything that is Czech this represents nothing less than death. The Nazi overlords are trying to exterminate the body of the Czech people and to destroy its soul. It is unnecessary to give you a picture of German barbarism in all its extent. More than 70,000 leading personalities have been imprisoned or sent to concentration camps; 250,000 Czech workmen have been driven to forced labour in the Reich. The protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia has been incorporated in the German Customs system—which means that millions of Czech crowns have been appropriated at one blow in cash and that Czech industry will very soon be ruined. The Czech universities have been closed, the secondary schools are being closed, every type of Czech institution is gradually being suppressed. What it all signifies is that a nation is being reduced to the status of serfs of the German people.

But what is most offensive to the Czech soul is the fact that the "higher" race makes plain by every one of its actions that everything that is Czech is inferior, and the fact also that the period of Czech political independence is depicted in the new school textbooks as an historical error and as the most unhappy phase in our history. Thank God that in spite of all the corruption, falseness, terror, imprisonment, concentration camps, torture, and executions the soul of the people remains inviolate!

If The Nazis Could Win

Yet something has changed; national hatred has reached its highest pitch. The Czechs realise what it would mean if the Germans were to win the war. They have become convinced that it would signify the end of the nation, the disintegration of the family, the Nazification of the children, the ingress of thousands of German colonists from the Reich, and the loss of the national spirit, the ideal of which was the humanism of Komensky and Masaryk.

The majority of the Germans, who before were probably good democrats and nationalistically tolerant, are now very satisfied with the limitlessly privileged position in our country given them by the Hitler regime. They do not protest; on the contrary they adhere willingly to the new order. They eagerly acquire Jewish and Czech property at grossly unfair prices. They must know that they are stealing; but this does not stop them. They cooperate willingly rather than passively, accepting something, perhaps through fear of resisting it. They live in dwellings which bear all the marks of having been previously the property of Czechs, they have privileged supplies of agricultural products, and they are unmoved by the fact that Czech children and pregnant mothers are starving and suffering. If there is anything which they disapprove of they are silent about it. The German youth is fanatically jubilant over every Czech reverse. They celebrate openly the triumph of Germanism over the Czech spirit. These pictures will ever remain before the Czech soul.

AUSTRIAN DISCONTENT

It is learned from reliable sources in Vienna that the severity of the winter is causing much discontent in Austria. The shortage of foodstuffs, and especially of fuel, is very great. Coal is almost unobtainable in Vienna.

Under such conditions enthusiasm for Nazism, which was evident even among Austrians at the period of the German victories, has almost disappeared. The townspeople have now to face and think of the difficulties of the situation, and the belief in an eventual German victory has markedly lessened, especially among the workers.

Cancelled Meetings

The results are already apparent in the internal political life of Austria. Many meetings organised by the Nazi party in the workers' quarters of Vienna had to be postponed or cancelled owing to the smallness of the audiences.

Even threats of personal reprisals did not have the desired effect, and in some cases the attendance was only five or 10.

The Nazi salute is given infrequently, and many persons were recently arrested for expressing open dissatisfaction with conditions.

Many Austrians are again having dreams of Austrian independence. Communist propaganda has also revived, and many believe the recent railway accident on the Semmering was the result of sabotage.

Many believe that Italy will drag Germany to disaster in this war as Austria dragged Germany to ruin in the last one.

THRILLS? OH, NO!

When a British freighter sailed into Boston (Mass.) after a voyage from Cardiff, the skipper of the vessel told reporters on the waterfront: "No news, boys, Uneventful trip."

But the ship's log contained the following record:

Escaped Nazi bombs while leaving port in convoy.

Passed liner which apparently was a dive-bomber victim.

Broke down three times with engine trouble.

Forced to drop out of convoy.

Ship's dynamo gave out, leaving ship in darkness most of the voyage but for crude wax candles made by the crew.

American newspapers refer to this as "a British understatement."—Reuter.

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE

A corporal in the military police, Alexander Hill, thirty-six, was remanded at Glasgow on a double murder charge.

It is alleged that in a house at Chrichton Street, Springburn, Glasgow, Hill shot his wife and William Headlands, of the Royal Navy, with a revolver.

GIRL SWIMS TO 'MAN IN SEA' SAVES RACEHORSE

MRS. PETER MacNIVEN is an athletic young woman and an excellent swimmer. So when she saw what looked like a drowning man in the sea some way out from the rockbound shore near her home in the hills near Oban she did not hesitate.

Running across seaweed-covered rocks, she dived fully clothed into the icy Atlantic and struck out against the tide.

At sea level, waves hid her goal from her, but she had taken a bearing and hoped the struggling swimmer would last out.

She was rather exhausted when the swimmer came again into sight. Then she discovered that it was—a horse.

What is more (as she later discovered), a magnificent chestnut thoroughbred racehorse.

And behind it the animal was towing its water-logged horse-box.

Exhausted now, Mrs. MacNiven clung to the box for a few moments; then, thrusting her arm inside detached the animal's halter and made for the shore.

The unknown racehorse, well blanketed now, is being nursed back to health in a shed at the MacNiven's home.

"Nursed"

"The poor thing could scarcely stand, it was so cold and exhausted," Mrs. MacNiven said. "It must have been in the water for hours. It couldn't have lasted much longer.

"It's the most beautiful horse I've ever seen. I'd love to keep it, but, of course that's impossible.

"It was absolutely terrified when I got it ashore, and I had difficulty persuading it to come with me. But my husband was able to handle it better, and soon it became quite friendly.

"Maybe I'll run it in the Derby if no one claims it," she laughed.

R.S.P.C.A. officials have reported Mrs. MacNiven's action to the Royal Humane Society.

Mr. MacNiven is caretaker of the ruined Dunstaffnage Castle.

STANDARDISATION IN ARMS FOR U.S. AND BRITAIN

A DRIVE FOR THE fullest possible standardisation of war equipment among the armed services of the United States and between American services and the British is being intensified in anticipation of the "single order" system of defence production which the Administration has set as one of its goals under the lease-lend programme.

Current efforts are being directed mostly toward standardisation in aeroplanes, ordnance, tanks and technical instruments.

In order to give this part of the defence programme greater centralised direction and to bring the British more definitely into the picture, President Roosevelt is expected to move soon to co-ordinate better the standardisation work already being carried on by a large number of loosely-related groups in the Army, Navy, Treasury Office of Production Management, and the industries involved.

Substantial progress is said to have been made in the four categories mentioned. It is to be reflected soon by obvious results in tanks and ordnance being developed for joint use of U.S. services and the British, governmental authorities said. It could be noted immediately in instruments, say these same sources, if it were not for a ban of silence imposed upon all details of highly technical secret devices.

Various Groups Cooperating

The quest for standard designs, interchangeable parts and the like is being carried on in these three fields through ever-increasing collaborative effort of American and British technicians, but in the case of aeroplanes, the problem is regarded as primarily one for the Americans themselves at this stage.

Through the joint effort of the Aeronautical Board of the Army and Navy, the Civil Aeronautics Committee, the Office of Production Management, the Aircraft Standards Committee, the Technical Division of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, the Society of Automotive Engineers and other agencies, all twenty-three of the companies turning out completed aeroplanes have been enlisted in the drive for a greater stabilisation of this most intricate defence item, to the end that production might be speeded up and the problem of field maintenance and repair diminished.

The 'plane manufacturers have been separated into Western and Eastern divisions, and at a meeting recently called by the OPM the standardisation problem was divided into seven major parts and an engineering group set to work on each.

The question of complete units and types was made the special province of the Joint Army-Navy-British Standards Committee. The National Aircraft Standards Committee was told to devote itself primarily to the subjects of air frames and power plant installation. The problem of standardising engines, propellers, accessories, equipment materials and processes was allocated to the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The matter of standardising aeroplane production is a long-range proposition at best. Although greater and faster production is the aim, the government and the industry both must be careful in invoking standardisation processes not to hold up production at this time when every 'plane is sorely needed; also not to create any new "bottle-necks" in material supplies, machine tools and manpower which might affect other defence industries as well.

In view of the immediate necessity for keeping the wheels turning in the aeroplane factories, standardising methods will be introduced so gradually that engineers do not expect the result to be fully obvious before 1942.

"We want better and better 'planes and it's necessary to have them," one authority said, "but we've got to draw the line somewhere and say 'Here we'll standardise for quantity production.' The time is near when we will have to draw that line, if we can do so without holding up production now in progress."

Differences between the Army and Navy over types, designs, parts, etc., are being ironed out rapidly, the authorities say. Suggestions of the British also are being weighed carefully, although some in the industry and the government as well have noted a resistance among U.S. service people to accept many of the recommendations originating from overseas.

There have been no end of difficulties in arriving at some of the compromises that already have been made. Illustrative of some of the things that are taking place is the story of four days of discussion between British and American technicians over the question as to whether a certain switch in a recent type of 'plane should be off or on when in the up or down position.

As insignificant as that question might seem to a layman, it was said to have been very vital in the particular 'plane because of the previous training of the men who would be expected to fly it. Military 'plane construction is influenced a great deal, especially in the matter of instrumentation, by the type of training the men have had who must operate it in service.

It is with that problem in mind that some engineers insist now is the time to begin standardisation in earnest, so that the new men being trained may be schooled in the use of the standardised equipment, with whatever changes it may involve from equipment now in use by either of the U.S. services or the British.

Fewer Types An Advantage

Production would be speeded immeasurably, engineers say, by the reduction of the number of parts of 'planes, and certainly by standardising them as between types and manufacturers. Instead of having five or six different types of storage batteries, requiring perhaps as many sizes and types of holding boxes, the designers might agree on one or two.

The Army and Navy are said to need to simplify and reduce the problem of field maintenance and repair. To be able to take the wheel off one type of 'plane and put it onto another would reduce the necessity of transporting so many spare parts.

Several of a late type of American reconnaissance bombers shipped a few months ago to the British are said to be grounded now in Africa, awaiting the shipment all the way from Burbank, Calif., of certain parts needed to make them serviceable again. The parts are said to be ordinary enough, but unfortunately they are not interchangeable with anything else the British have, not even with comparable American types.

According to those familiar with the subject, the standardisation process is starting in the small things first, as, for instance, the "hardware"—nuts and bolts. Even before the present drive for standardisation got under way, a number of 'plane manufacturers on the Pacific Coast were reported to have got together and worked out the specifications for a number of such parts and pooled their orders.

Stumbling Blocks In Way

As all engineers readily agree, the problem of standardising aeroplane production is much easier to state than to achieve, even on paper. Aside from the intricacies of the 'plane itself, the nature of the industry presents stumbling blocks of its own. The large manufacturers of so-called "completed" 'planes are in reality largely assembles of parts made by dozens of subcontractors. One subcontractor might suppy a certain part to one of the "completed" 'plane companies and another a similar part, but of slightly different specifications, to another. To standardise the part would require one of the subcontractors to re-tool his shop or turn all the business over to the other one, who probably would be swamped with orders.

The National Aircraft Standards Committee was set up as an adjunct of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce to represent the industry in planning the standardisation movement. The committee is representative of all the manufacturers of "complete" service aircraft, and maintains contact in Washington through the Aeronautical Chamber's Technical Department, headed by J. T. Gray. Aside from its transactions with the government departments the NASC provides a mechanism for an interchange of information and technical data on the standardisation movement among the various manufacturers.

Inquiries as to actual results of the standardising movement to date do not bring any large number of examples, but officials regard it as enough for the present that the effort is getting into full swing and that doubtless it will be stepped up by better organisation and a clearer view of the goal now that the lease-lend bill has been signed.

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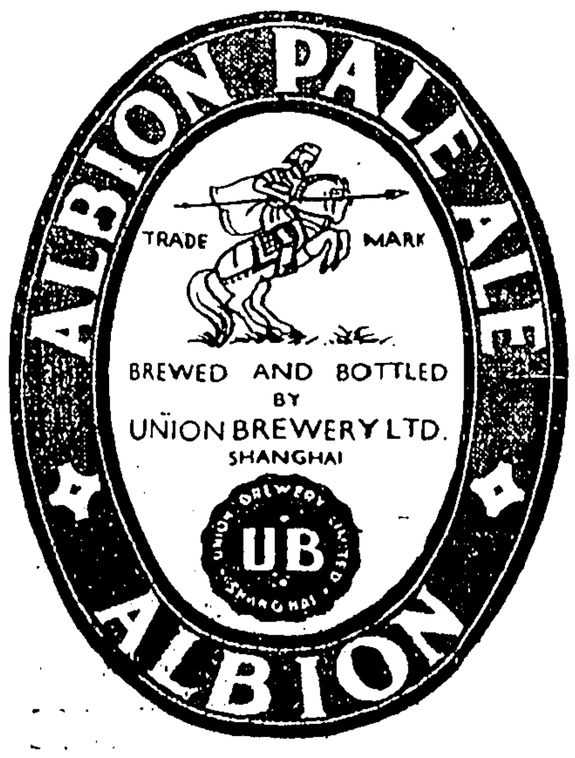

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BRIDGE NOTES

THREE OPPONENTS

By The Four Aces

"Whenever I play with him," said a friend of ours recently, referring to another bridge player, "I feel that I'm playing against three opponents." We sympathised when we saw this hand:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ Q 10 7 6 3 ♡ A K 8 2 ◇ — ♣ K Q 6 3	
♠ A 8 5 ♡ 10 3 ◇ A Q 10 2 ♣ J 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ K J 9 4 ♡ 7 6 4 ◇ 8 6 4 3 ♣ 5 2
	♠ 2 ♡ Q J 9 5 ◇ K J 9 7 5 ♣ A 10 4	

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1◇	Dbl.	1♡	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2◇	Dbl.
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened a low spade, and the defenders managed to get four spades and three diamonds before surrendering the lead to poor South. North just raised his eyebrows considering himself quite polite to refrain from criticising his partner. And South, our friend, kept silent because he knew that North would be unable to understand that he himself was the guilty one.

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KING ... 2
QUEEN ... 1
JACK ... ½

South's double of one heart was the best way to show up East's psychic bid. North's heart holding should have made it obvious that the best suit in the North-South hands was hearts. He held four to the Ace-King, and South had enough length and strength to double an adverse heart bid!

North was correct in taking out South's double of two diamonds, but he was decidedly at fault in bidding two spades. He knew about South's hearts, but South didn't know about his. North should therefore have bid two hearts. South would have raised to four hearts — a contract which on fair play could fulfil.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3 2
♡ K 4
◇ Q 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenkein
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. There should be a fair play for this contract even if your partner has a minimum opening bid; and any weaker bid by you might leave him unable to accept your invitation to game.

Score 100% for four spades, 60% for three spades, 30% for two no-trump.

Question No. 678

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♡ Q 10 4 2
◇ 5
♣ A J 3

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenkein
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).
The Spanish Lady (Hughes).
Limehouse Reach (Proctor-Gregg). With Orchestral acc.
A Bowl of Punch (Mortimer and Murray).
Song of the Buccaneer (Mortimer and Leonard). With Orchestral acc.
12.40 p.m.—The Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.
Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Russian Programme with The Don Cossacks Choir.
The Gate; Festival Dance.
An Old Waltz, A Storm
Russian Vagabonds (Salon Orch.)
The Imprisoned Cossacks (Nistschensky).
The Don Cossacks Choir.
Polka 'Ojra' (Russian Air).
Rondo A La Turka (Mozart)
Russian Balalaika Orchestra.
Aljoscha's Song (from 'Dobrynja Nikititsch'—Gretschaninoff)
Two Old Wedding Songs (Gretschaninoff)
The Don Cossacks Choir.
Russian Potpourri (Michallowsky).
Caucasia (Ippolitoff Ivanoff)
Russian Balalaika Orchestra.
1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—My Heart's In Old Killarney.
Across the Great Divide.
Slow Fox-Trot—A Couple of April Fools.
Fox-Trot—Moonburn (film 'Anything Goes')
Fox-Trots—A Rendezvous with a Dream (film 'Poppy')
The State of My Heart
Waltz—Who's Taking You Home To-night?
Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade.
Fox-Trot—Did I Remember? (film 'Suzy').
2.15 p.m.—Close Down
6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations
6.32 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swingtime.
Darling Nellie Grey.
Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.
Swanee.
Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.
Annie Laurie.
Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Her Orchestra.
Old King Cole.
Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.
A Brown Bird Singing.
Dark Eyes
Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra.
I Love A Lassie.
Music in the Russ Morgan Manner w. Vocal.
Avalon
Val Rosing and His Swing Stars.
Alive, Alive-O!
Al and Bob Harvey (Vocal Duet) w. Orchestra
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together.'
7.30 p.m.—An Orchestra Programme with Paul Robeson (Bass).
Fairy Tale (Heykens)
Tom Jones and His Orchestra.
Deep River (Burleigh)
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.
Islamey—Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff).
New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
Love Song (film 'Sanders of the River')
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.
Speakeasy—Cuban Dance (Gensler).
Odeon Theatre Orchestra.
Canoe Song (film 'Sanders of the River')
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.
Mediterranean (Bar.).
New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.05 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Keep Smiling! (Reginald Foort's Signature Tune—Foort).
Medley of Daly's Favourites.
Intro: A bachelor gay; Villa; Bohemia; Leander; Under the Deodar; You're in love.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'
9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12.
Mischa Levitzki (Piano).
Consolation No. 3.
Natan Milstein (Violin) w. Piano.
Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem.
London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—'News from Home' by Howard Marshall.
10.15 p.m.—Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).
'Rigoletto'—Gilda's Aria: Caro nome (Verdi).
'I Puritani' (Bellini).
Son vergin vezzosa.
Qui la voce tua soave.
With Orchestra.
10.28 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata in F Major, Op. 99.
1st Mov.: Allegro vivace.
2nd Mov.: Adagio affettuoso.
3rd Mov.: Allegro passionato.
4th Mov.: Allegro molto.
Pau Casals ('Cello) and Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Piano).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

P.C. WHO GUARDED 7 PRIME MINISTERS

Scores of photographs of crowds thronging Downing Street have appeared in the last five years.

In nearly all could be seen a tall, unassuming man in a black hat, apparently one of the crowd but never very far from the Minister being mobbed.

The man in the black hat is P.C. Albert Edward Hinde, known throughout "A" Division Metropolitan Police as "Nobby," a plain-clothes officer on duty at the Foreign Office arches, Downing Street, for the past five years.

Now he has retired at the age of 46 after 26 years in the Force.

Every Minister who has ever crossed Downing Street knows him. In his mind he has stored up significant comments made by successive Prime Ministers during the crises of recent years.

Throughout the Abyssinian crisis, the Abdication, Mr. Eden's resignation, Munich, and the outbreak of war his eyes were watching the crowds.

"Munich" Crowds

Mr. Chamberlain's return from Munich called out the greatest mob he has ever known.

That was the only occasion, he says, that the crowd, stretching right back into Whitehall, surged up to the doors of No. 10 itself.

"We usually know the wrong 'un when he gets into the Street," he says. "I suppose it becomes second nature to spot him after a time. There's never roughhouse. We have our own methods of dealing with doubtful characters."

Few of the statesmen, diplomats, officials, and pressmen who know by sight the "plain-clothes man in the black hat" knew his name. But he was courteous and helpful to all at what he calls "pneumonia corner."

"Nobby" Hinde has seen and guarded the comings and goings of seven Prime Ministers. Now he is retiring to a Government service job "not far from Downing Street."

HE FINDS WORK-HOUSE HAPPINESS

Haunted by loneliness and night-fear, a seventy-year-old Leicester widower with £3 a week pension and £1,500 in the bank has found happiness and companionship in the workhouse. He is paying 28s. a week "board and lodging."

The man's wife died in the infirmary of the institution following an illness some time ago and now he wants to end his days in the building which was her last home.

No one but officials in the office knows the identity of the man, who lives the normal life of the inmates.

"To disclose his name would be against the spirit of the thing," the Master, Mr. R. W. Ramsay, told a reporter. "He was destitute of home comforts, although not destitute of money, and that is why he came here.

"This sort of thing helps to remove the stigma of an institution, a stigma which has persisted since the time of Dickens."

Mr. H. C. Mansfield, clerk to the Public Assistance Committee, told the committee that the ratepayers were not losing by keeping the man, who was getting good accommodation.

ZOO LION 16, DIES

Pat, one of the London Zoo lions, has died of old age.

He was sixteen and, like his mate Doris who survives him, had been at the Zoo since 1928. They were presented to the Gardens by King George V, who had received them as a gift.

They had twenty-five cubs, including one set of "quins."

Bringing Up Father. **By George MacManus.**

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

For Sunday Night Supper

HOT SANDWICHES

Fill The Bill

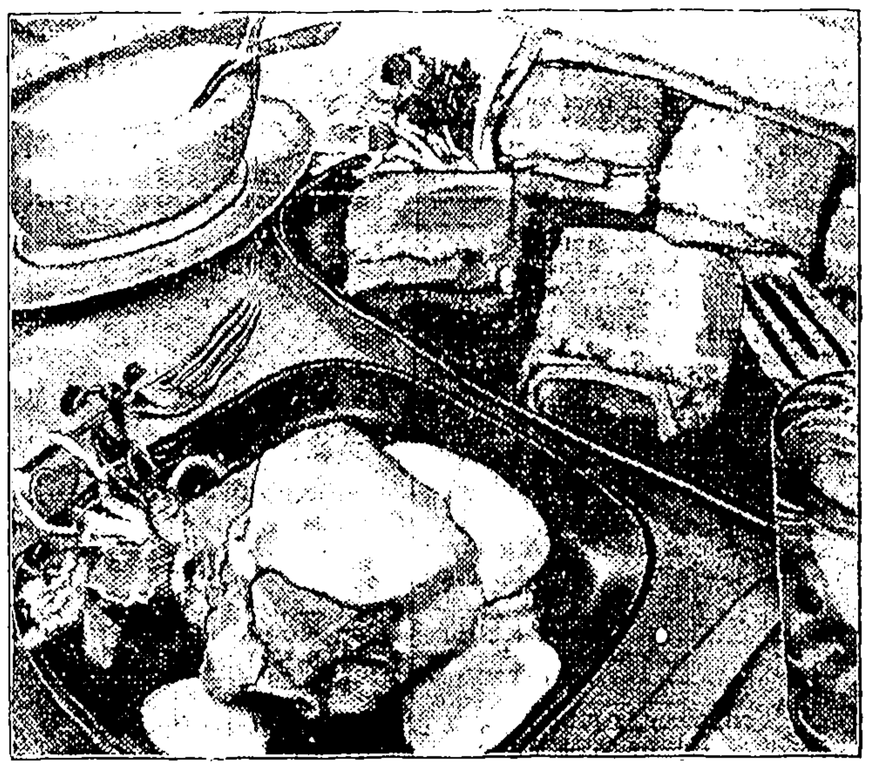
Says Dorothy Greig

WHEN it comes time to whisk together Sunday night supper someone always says to announce "I'm not really hungry. All I want is a snack."

However, if the wise woman who calmly ignores the just-a-snackers or who under all such remarks usually larks a husky appetite. Taken literally at their word and given just a bite or two, they'd all be back raiding the ice box later in the evening.

So we suggest hot sandwiches for supper. They satisfy the mind's eye of a light bite while at the same time supplying good honest sustaining nourishment. Put together with meat or cheese or eggs or maybe tuna fish or chicken, hot sandwiches have zest as well as substance.

Here, for instance, is one that can be made either with corn bread or with toast. (It's particularly good with corn bread) And as a climax it is topped with a hot and savory mushroom sauce!



Hot mushroom sauce over a ham and cornbread sandwich is an appetising dish for Sunday night supper.

Southern Ham Sandwich With Hot Mushroom Sauce

6 pieces corn bread, about 3 inches square

6 slices ham boiled or baked

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

½ cup milk

Stir the ½ cup of milk into the condensed cream of mushroom soup. Heat, but do not boil. While the sauce is heating, split the pieces of corn bread and toast them. Then place the ham between the toasted slices of corn bread and pour the hot mushroom sauce over the top.

Cheese and bacon is an ever popular combination.

Open Grilled Cheese And Bacon Sandwich, Tomato Sauce

6 slices bacon

8 slices cheese (size of bread)

8 pieces bread or toast

1 can condensed tomato soup

Cut the long slices of bacon in half and broil on one side. Cover the slices of bread or toast with pieces of cheese cut about ⅛ inch thick and on each slice place two pieces of bacon. Broil until the cheese is melted and bacon crisp. Pour 2 tablespoons of hot condensed tomato soup over each slice and serve immediately. Serves 4 large or 8 small open sandwiches.

And try this version of our old friend, scrambled eggs:

Scrambled Egg And Mushroom Sandwiches

4 eggs

½ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch of pepper

Beat the eggs. Then add the cream of mushroom soup, salt and pepper and beat again. Melt the butter in a frying pan or saucepan; add egg mixture and cook over a low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Put the cooked eggs and mushroom between slices of buttered toast. Serves 4.

The Hot Dish for a School Day Lunch

by Dorothy Greig

WHEN the youngsters swoop down on you at noon from school, that's the time to set before them big steaming bowls of soup. Soup is hot—and they should have a hot dish. It's nourishing, easily digested. And children never lose their zest for good soup.

From your standpoint, it's just about the perfect hot luncheon dish for it is quick and easy to prepare—and good. Just open the can, add water or milk as the case may be, and heat.

Tomato and Vegetable-Beef Soup

Hot soup leaves no heavy after feeling either. Yet it provides the quick energy a youngster needs to keep him alert for the afternoon's activities.

The recipe for the first soup given below offers a delicious blend of two soups; tomato—which all children love—and vegetable-beef, thick with little chunks of beef and vegetables.

Tomato and Vegetable-Beef Soup

1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can condensed vegetable-beef soup
2 cans of water

Combine and heat to boiling point. Garnish with toast croutons. Serves 5-7.

Soup, of course, is one of the best ways in the world to get more milk into a child's diet. Many a child who balks at drinking milk will take it in soups and pass happily back for more. For instance; here is a nourishing vegetable purée to which is added milk:

Cream of Asparagus Soup

1 can condensed asparagus soup
½ cup irradiated evaporated milk (just as it comes from the can)
½ cup water

Empty the soup into a saucepan. Stir in the milk and water and heat, but do *not* boil. Serves 2-4.

The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says the world's upside down he means penguins are now found sitting where the North Pole used to be.

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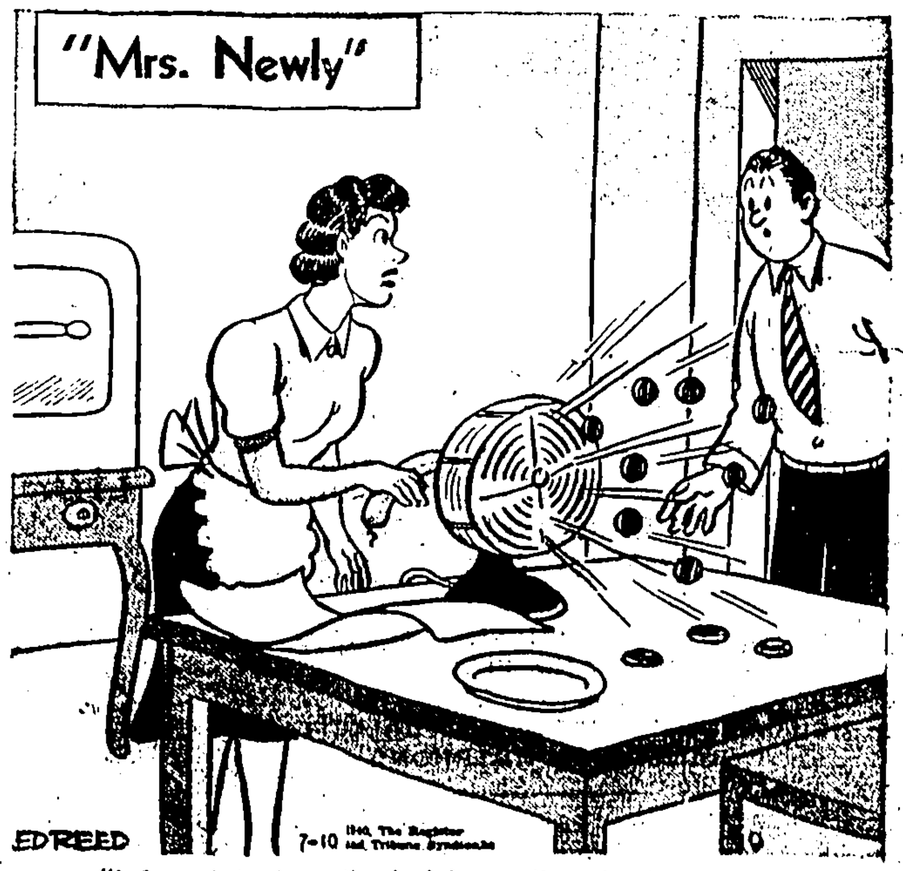

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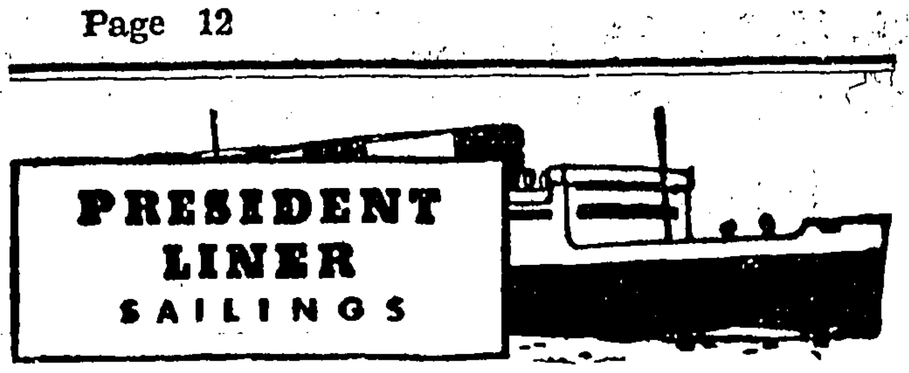

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*Toyooka Maru	Tuesday,	1st Apr.
Hakone Maru	Friday,	11th Apr.

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TOPSY REARED A SECRET FAMILY

"Topsy's secret was out. Remembitch belonging to Mr James Brown, farmer of Lezayre, Isle of Man, gave birth to a pup.

"It was not worth her rearing it, so I drowned it," Mr. Brown told a reporter.

But Topsy retrieved it, brought it back into the farmyard, and buried it in a hole she dug with her paws and nose. That was last year.

A few weeks ago Topsy was missing. "I searched everywhere for her, but in vain," said Farmer Brown. "Then one day she returned. I couldn't make out where she had been, for she is not a roamer.

"I was in a quiet part of the farmyard one day, however, and I saw Topsy making for the root of a large tree. After looking round for a second or two she pushed her nose down into a hole under the tree.

"After a great deal of wriggling and rolling, she pushed herself deep under the tree, came out again, looked round to see that nobody was about and then ran off.

"That was about three weeks ago.

Her Secret Out

"Then one day this week I happened to be in that part of the farmyard again when, suddenly, a reddish pair of brown eyes and a perky little nose came peering out of the hole at the bottom of the tree.

"A second later the little fat round body of a three-week-old pup emerged, waddled round for a minute or two, then hastily returned.

Topsy, a handsome sheepdog bering what happened to her first pup, she had chosen a nest right out of reach of human beings.

"A couple of days later, Topsy brought her pups out for an airing and allowed me to pick them up and nurse them: then sat with her ears cocked as though awaiting my answer.

"'It's all right, Topsy,' I told her. 'I wouldn't have the heart to drown these after all the trouble you have gone to.'"

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20 H.K. Fire Ins. @ $185
400 Docks (Old) X.D. @ $15.60
2,000 Providents @ $5.30
100 Electrics C. Rts. @ $39¾

JUNK ADRIFT

A water-logged derelict junk is reported drifting 3-1/2 miles west-of Bluff Point Port War Signal Station.

The position given is latitude 22 deg. 11' 51" North, and Longitude 114 deg. 8' 39" East, approximately.

HE'LL PIPE TO CHIEF OF CLAN

AS A BOY on his father's farm in Alberta, Canada, Malcolm Roderick MacCrimmon dreamed of the day when he could visit the Hebridean Isle of Skye, home of THE MacCrimmon "Prince of Pipers," honoured in Scottish song and story for four centuries.

Malcolm was only a farmer's boy, and over the sea to Skye was a dream that didn't promise to materialise. But the war came and he found himself drafted to Britain — big step nearer.

Then fate brought him more than he had ever seen in his dreams.

A search through the MacCrimmon archives and a check-up on his papers and birth certificate proved that he was one of THE MacCrimmons, a direct descendant of that famous sixteenth-century piper, hereditary piper to the Clan McLeod.

And that was not all. Flora McLeod of McLeod heard of him and now she has appointed him her honorary piper.

Like A Dream

This was enough to make him wonder whether he was still dreaming away back on the Alberta farm, but yet another honour awaited him.

He has been granted the distinction, almost unique among serving pipers, of wearing on his pipes—which he may yet play into battle—the ribbon of the Clan McLeod dress tartan.

"I was given special permission for this by the colonel of the Scottish regiment to which we are attached, Malcolm told a reporter.

"I am invited by Mrs. McLeod of McLeod to visit her at Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral home of the McLeods in Skye, as soon as I get leave.

Wants To Stay

"I'm determined not to go back to Canada. I don't like farming, and if I get on well with my piping and get a suitable job after the war, I shall remain here."

He is studying at the Army School of Piping in Edinburgh, and when a reporter saw him he had just finished practising a pibroch, "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart," composed by one of his famous ancestors.

For two centuries the MacCrimmons carried on in the Isle of Skye the greatest piping college ever known.

And even they took seven years to turn out a skilled piper.

So Malcolm, though his dream has come true, has still a long way to go.

"HAPPY" PUT THE FIRE OUT

Ex-Guardsman Henry (Happy Jack) Homer, fifty-five-year-old veteran of Mons, now a Home Guard, climbed on to a roof, jumped across a sheer drop, put out a fire that threatened to destroy a large building, and was then dragged to safety by means of a rope.

All this happened during a fire blitz on London, but none of his friends learned of Happy's heroism until later.

Happy Jack works in a warehouse.

While the blitz was at its height, he spent a busy hour or so in the lane near the office extinguishing the fire bombs.

Then he noticed that an incendiary had landed on the roof of a printers' nearby. The spotters on the roof had seen it, but seemed unable to get at it. Happy climbed on to the roof and joined them.

The bomb was lying in the gutter of a roof separated from that on which they stood by a ten-foot chasm.

Doffing his coat and shirt, he jumped the gap.

Happy took off first one shoe, then the other, and beat the fire out.

BOYS IN RED TAPE TANGLE

Two Liverpool boys, Alan and Keswick Hunt, aged nine and ten, were dug out alive from their bomb-destroyed home and sent to safety in a tiny Lakeland village.

Their father is in the Pioneer Corps, their mother and two other children evacuated, and their grandparents, with whom they were living, were injured in the explosion and taken to hospital.

The village of Burneside, north of Kendal, was asked to find the boys a home. Within five minutes a home had been found.

Then, with the little refugees already on their way, officialdom discovered that their wrecked home was a few yards outside the Liverpool evacuation area. Therefore they could not be billeted as official evacuees, and no billeting allowance could be paid by the authorities.

But Burneside refused to give them up. One of the residents had "adopted" them. The statement that the children would not rank for billeting allowance simply raised a smile.

Mr. G. E. Spencer, billeting officer at Burneside, was not too pleased about it, however.

"Here we are," he said, "doing all we can and urging people to help in this billeting scheme and a stupid piece of humbug like this crops up. If the evacuation scheme cannot receive deserving cases like this, who exactly is it meant for?"

"Liverpool authorities should have the evacuable area clearly set out by red tape and illuminate it during air raids, so that Germans can drop their bombs with more respect for these hide-bound arrangements!"

The matter is being taken up with the Government department concerned.

But Mr. C. F. Mott, Director of Education for Liverpool, says the misunderstanding is all due to a clerical error.

The Westmorland authorities were not informed of the facts—that children not living in the official evacuation area are provided for by a fund called The Liverpool Hardship Scheme, instituted to deal with such cases. The money comes out of the rates.

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But inside were a score of steel compartments, and Treasury notes, postal orders, postage stamps and national insurance stamps were untouched.

Some of the paper money had browned a little, but beyond this no damage was done.

WIRELESS MAN SAVES A BOMBER

The crew of a heavy bomber must be a carefully chosen team if the best results are to be obtained and the aircraft brought comfortably back to base.

Some of the men may seem to have more spectacular jobs than others. The bomb-aimer times his release to do the utmost damage to the enemy; the pilots take turns at the controls; and the tail gunner in his little glass house keeps a watchful eye open for attacking aircraft.

Perched at his instruments amidships, in the dark interior of the bomber, sits the wireless operator, who would seem to have only routine stuff to do; but sometimes it all depends on him. The other night, our aircraft went out in foul weather to raid important German targets. Many of the bombers ran into icing conditions and fierce storms.

Against the enormous odds of this weather one bomber had to abandon the attack on the primary target. The aircraft had iced up, and consequently the engine was not behaving well. The whole flight had been made through stormy weather, visibility amounted to next to nothing, and the air was heavily charged with electricity.

The tail gunner reported sparks all round the tail, and later, when the starboard engine was overheating badly, flames joined the sparks. Then the port engine began to misbehave.

Electrical disturbance was all around, and the wireless operator had to keep his aerial earthed most of the time to avoid the last nuisance of all, a blown-out set.

There were only a few lulls in the electric storm, and every minute was precious. An extra hour in the air in those conditions might mean disaster. A minor deviation would take the aircraft beyond its capacity to struggle home. Navigation, without the wireless operator, was a matter of dead reckoning, because there was no visibility.

In a pause, while the storm and disturbance lulled, the wireless operator managed to get into communication with a home station. Catching another lull the position was checked and rechecked.

The entire crew was suffering from the bitter cold, the engine gave every sign of giving out.

The wireless operator put up a grand show. Crew and aircraft depended on him. Snatching the odd moments, and never faltering, he sat at his instrument, picking up direction, checking it up, and finally bringing the aircraft home to a safe landing.

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Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	4,774
Starlight (Cire)	4,750
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Oracle (T.K.L.)	3,100
Happy Returns (Lee Chi-choh)	3,400
Santa-Anita (C.C.F.)	3,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	2,987
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,750
Viceroy (Vilaja)	2,550
Black Seal (C.H.)	2,500
Palber (Marber)	2,300
Sam's Choice (Collene)	2,300
Charlesber (Marber 1)	2,300
Moonlight (Cire)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Marsh Warbler (Pearstur)	2,150
A Surprising Time (Toots)	2,100
Mainsail (Sailbad the Sinner)	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Fort (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	2,000
Cortair (L.W.S.)	1,900
Prairie View (Lan)	1,850
World Fair View (Lan)	1,800
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun)	1,750
A Luxurious Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	1,750
Gloaming (Eu Tong-sen)	1,750
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,577
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Lancashire Lass (Necan)	500
Locus Standi (Lee Bros.)	400
Snow White (Mok Kon-sang)	400
Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Devonian (Lady Northcote)	350
Roofly (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Raconteur (Manetta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.)	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Rose Jane (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Jennifer (Quartermaster)	300
Musketeer (Li Chi Choh)	300
Rose Emily (Eu Tong Sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	281
Seal River (Gredmaka)	250
Spicylight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Cocoa)	250
A Good Time (J.M.M.F.)	250
Colorado Star (Ellandee)	250
Odeon (T.K.L.)	550
Daylight (Cire, Jnr.)	250
Rowan (Ash)	250
Bendigo (Mrs. J. H. Taggart)	250
Cockleroi (Necan)	250
Criffel (John Peel)	250
Lillibet (Marber)	200
Night Express (Necan)	200
King Kong (Cocoa)	200
Emergency Unit (H. Leigh)	200

Bankier, Thomas And Riertsen Shine For The Winners

By "Referee"

Playing with only ten men for the greater part of the game, Chinese Federation were beaten by Hong Kong Football Association in the Second game of the Governor's Cup competition at Causeway Bay yesterday by 4 goals to 2 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three.

Chan Tak-fai sustained a dislocated arm in the second half and was unable to continue and his absence disorganised the Chinese attack and threw additional work on Lee Wai-tong.

Association team played well. There was hardly a weak link in the side and all their players were seen at their best shortly after the commencement of the second half.

Bankier played an excellent game in goal and brought off some daring saves. He showed good anticipation and his handling was safe throughout.

Fraser and Roughley covered him well and both tackled strongly and cleared well. Roughley was more prominent in his stackling but the latter positioned himself well.

Good Halves

The intermediate line, composed entirely of Middlesex players, also did well. Bright had the centre well covered and always came out better in his tussles with Kwong Ying-kee. Freshwater, on the right, generally had the measure of Wong King-cheung, while Thomas, at left half, justified his inclusion with a good all round display. He had Yeung Shui-yick well held and fed his forward with good passes.

Association was served by two good wingers, who were always sources of potential danger when in possession. Fowler sustained a cut on the chin but was able to carry on. In the first half he had the opposing half beaten and sent over good centres besides having hard luck on several occasions.

Riertsen played well on the left wing and had a hand in all the Association's goals. His centring was timely and of the right height. He required constant attention.

Ferrier and LePage did well as inside forwards—both showed good ball control and combined well with their wingers—but Howlett as centre forward, in spite of the hard work he put in, was not home in that position.

Chan's Absence Felt

The absence of Chan Tak-fai had a telling effect on the Chinese as their forwards were unable to get going against the resolute Association defences. In spite of this they had several scoring opportunities but good work by Bankier and Fraser kept them out.

Sammy Tsang, in goal, was not safe. He did not impress with his handling but could not be blamed for the goals.

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the backs while Tse Kam-hung found the bustling methods of Fowler very upsetting.

The intermediate line, in which Hsu King-seng was prominent, played well but the inability of their forwards to make best use of the ball threw extra work on their shoulders.

Neither of the Chinese wingers had many opportunities while Lee Wai-tong was well marked. Kwok Ying-kee tried hard but was often beaten for possession by Bright.

Association Score

Association opened the scoring through Howlett who headed in a centre from Riertsen. Chinese were soon on level terms through Yeung Shiu-yick and before half time Wong King-cheung scored a good goal.

On the resumption Association pressed and equalised when Riertsen sent in a shot which hit the upright and Howlett netted. Ferrier gave his side the lead from a penalty.

In the closing minutes Fowler made the game safe with a good shot.

H.K.F.A. — Bankier; Roughly, Fraser; Freshwater, Bright, Thomas; Fowler, Le Page, Howlett, Ferrier and Riertson.

H.K.C.A.A.F. — Sammy Tsang; Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Cheung-sing, Hsu King-sing, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shu-yip, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Kwok Ying-kee, Wong King-cheung.

K.C.C. BEAT N.D.A. AT LAWN BOWLS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Northumberland and Durham Association by 86—69 in a friendly lawn bowls match.

Following were the scores:

A. C. Tribble		C. E. Turpin	
A. H. Martin		E. Starling	
R. S. Meadows		S. Hodge	
W. W. Parsons (Skip)	13	T. W. Carr (Skip)	19
A. E. P. Guest		W. G. R. Coates	
H. Brokenshire		R. A. Radford	
A. Steven		C. Gowland	
L. Jack (Skip)	21	J. Fraser (Skip)	18
R. S. Capell		E. Purvis	
R. T. Burch		D. Kossick	
G. E. Taylor		J. F. MacGowan	
V. C. Labrum (Skip)	20	J. V. Ramsey (Skip)	16
A. E. Perry		G. E. Gross	
S. A. Gray		A. D. Spoors	
R. B. Wellwood		J. Smith	
T. A. Madar (Skip)	32	T. Coleman (Skip)	16
Totals	86		69

HOCKEY UMPIRES TO MEET

A meeting of the Hockey Umpires' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

All interested are invited to attend.

BOXER IN ARMY

Mike Raffa of Newell, W. Va., listed as one of the five best featherweights in the U.S.A., has traded his trunks for an army uniform. Raffa, who has served one year in the regular army in Hawaii, will be allowed brief furloughs to fill ring engagements.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for week ending April 6.

Tuesday

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v S. China
(Sookunpoo, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Adams.

Wednesday

FIRST DIVISION

R. Scots v Navy
(Sookunpoo, at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee: Mitchell.
Linesmen—Frazer and Pike.

Club v Kwong Wah
(Club, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee: Marie.
Linesmen:—Winser and Taylor

SECOND DIVISION

R.E. v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Foster.

Police v 30th R.A.
(Boundary Road, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Wilson.

THIRD DIVISION

R.E. v 24th R.A.
(Military at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Edwards.

36th R.A. v R.A.F.
(Club, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Omar.

Saturday

KOTEWELL CUP FINAL

Army v S. China
(Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Glover.
Linesmen:—Ip and Beard.

FIRST DIVISION

Club v Kowloon
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Demee and Williamson.

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v Kit Chee
(Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Carley.

R.A.S.C. v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Ford.

Club v 30th R.A.
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

THIRD DIVISION

Signals v 35th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Fraser.

7th R.A. v A.S.A.
(Caroline Hill, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Emmons.

36th R.A. v 20th R.A.
(Military, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Barretto.

Shell v R.A.F.
(Caroline Hill, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Baker.

SUNDAY HERALD CHARITY CUP FINAL

Scotland v England
(Boundary Road, at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Beard.
Linesmen:—Mitchell and Marie.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles

Pang Oi-lam v. Wei Chung (1); George Choa v. T. J. Gould (7); O. Umetani v. M. Pagh (8).

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6); G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v. V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (4).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (—3/6).

SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following are the results of the Softball matches played yesterday:—

MEN'S (FIRST DIVISION)

Recreio	12	Filipinos	5
St. Joseph's	5	Indians	3
Chinese	6	Recreio	3

YESTERDAY'S GOLF MATCH

At Sheungshui yesterday Kowloon Golf Club beat the Country Club by 17¾ sets to 3.

SINGLES

Kowloon		Country Club	
R. K. Collings	1	F. E. A. Remedios	0
A. J. Dennis	1	A. A. Lopes	0
W. Kershaw	0	A. R. Pinna	0
T. Henderson	1	F. X. M. Silva	0
K. Mackenzie	1	A. W. da Roza	0
E. C. Fincher	0	A. T. Lee	1
E. F. Fincher	0	H. Kew	1
S. Jex	1¼	E. J. M. Cuhrn	0
A. L. Eastman	0	T. Y. C. Lee	1¼
J. C. Coles	1¼	J. J. Basto	0
L. Sykes	0	M. F. Pinna	1
T. B. Low	0	I. P. Tamworth	1
W. V. Ahern	¼	J. B. Mackie	1
T. Lamb	1	C. H. Suen	0
F. C. Barry	1	W. C. Hung	1¼
A. J. Hall	1	R. E. Lee	0
Totals	9¾		5¼

FOURBALLS

Collings, Dennis	2	Remedios, Lopes	0
Mackenzie, E. C. Fincher	2	Roza, A. T. Lee	0
Ahern, Low	2	Mackie, I. P. Tamworth	0
Henderson, Kewshaw	0	A. R. Pinna, Silva	0
Coles, Sykes	0	M. F. Pinna, Basto	2¼
Jex, Eastman	0	Churn, Lee	0
Barry, Lamb	0	Hung, Suen	0
E. F. Fincher, Hall	2	Kew, R. E. Lee	0
Totals	8		2¼

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KOWLOON C.C.

Men's Junior Doubles

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles

J. L. Anderson v E. Zimmern (9.15 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles

M. P. Yoong v P. K. Hooi (8 p.m.).

W. Gillies v K. W. Choy (8.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles

Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.).

SCHMELING —SOLDIER

Max Schmeling who since several months has been a soldier in the German army, has no intention of defending his championship, reported the "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" recently.

The International Boxing Union recently resolved that European champions must defend their titles against recognised challengers on or before July 5, 1941, the paper pointed out. Max Schmeling had, however, declared in this connection that he was now a soldier and not a boxer.

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MIDDLESEX TO MEET 'VARSITY AT ATHLETICS

Gunners Should Win Small Units K.O. Competition

By "Squaddy"

AT SOOKUNPOO to-day the British Army will play against the Indian Army in the quadrangular hockey tournament, and the following have been asked to represent the British Army team:—

L/Cpl Dove (Royal Signals), Cpl. Neve (Royal Scots) and Bdr Anderson (12th Coast Regt., R.A.); Sgt Crowley (Middlesex Regt), Sgt. Croston (Royal Engineers) and Sg. Waldron (Middlesex Regt); Lieut Clague (Royal Artillery), Pte Sheehan (Middlesex Regt), Gnr Marshall (Royal Artillery), Cpl Shaw (Royal Engineers) and Cpl Singleton (Royal Engineers).

Reserves S/Sgt Scoby (Royal Engineers) and Cpl Alsey (Royal Signals).

Gnr Marshall, of Royal Artillery, has taken the place of Pte Hitchcott, who was injured in a previous match.

The British Army cannot fail to win the competition as they have played five games and won all, whereas the other competing teams have all had at least two matches.

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CRICKET

On Wednesday and Thursday the final of the Small Units cricket knockout competition will be played at Sookunpoo, between the 5th A. A. Regt., R.A. and Royal Army Service Corps.

The Gunners are favoured to win this competition as they have some experienced players in their midst and they will have the assistance of 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce and 2/Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce.

The Service Corps will have in their midst Capt. A. J. Dewar, who is an excellent all-rounder, while Logan also should be able to knock up a few runs.

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ATHLETICS

MIDDLESEX Regiment have arranged an Athletic meeting with Hong Kong University at Shamshuipo on Wednesday, April 9, which will consist of four field and four track events. This is to enable them to select their final team for the Command Athletic meeting next month.

The Middies are not trying out any of their long-distance runners, but are keeping to the shorter distances at which they are well represented.

The entries thus far for the Command meeting are the 1st. Middlesex Regiment, Combined Small Units, 12th. Coast Regiment, R.A., 5th. A. A. Regiment, R.A., 8th Coast Regiment, R.A., 2/14 Punjab Regiment, 5/7 Rajput Regiment, and 1st. H.K. Regiment, H.K.S.R.A.

The list of events for this meeting are:—

Throwing the Hammer, Throwing the Discus, Throwing the Javelin, Putting the Shot, Long Jump, Pole Vault and High Jump.

3 Miles team Race, 1 Mile team race, 2 Miles relay, 1 Mile relay, 880 yds. relay, 440 yds. relay and 480 yds. Hurdles.

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SWIMMING

THERE will be a meeting of all Unit Swimming representatives at Scandal Point Hall to-morrow to discuss the dates times and programme for Command Swimming for 1941.

The swimming bath in Victoria Barracks will in all probability be opened next week, and now that the winter season is drawing to a close, swimmers will have plenty of time to get ready for the Command swimming sports, which take place about September.

This year the half mile swimming race might be placed on the programme; last year it was cancelled owing to the cholera scare.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

THE heavy rain which fell shortly after five on Saturday pevented most cricket games from being completed. The only game finshed was at Happy Valley, where Police beat University by six wickets.

Following were leading performances.

BATTING

T. A. Pearce	100
G. Ainslie	64
Cpl. Stonor	54
M. A. Wahab	46

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio	7 for	47
G. White	6 for	35

FOOTBALL

BOTH the leading teams in Third Division won their league games by narrow margins. Air Force left matters late against International but won by the only goal scored by Ho Kar-keung. Signals were fully extended by 24th R.A. and won by the odd goal in five.

Engineers, leaders of Second Division, easily beat Kitchee, while Kwong Wah were unable to raise a team against Service Corps and forfeited the points.

K. Singh	5 for	11
W. K. Way	5 for	36
A. E. Carey	4 for	18

HOCKEY

MRS. A. Zimmern scored 6 of the 9 goals for St. Andrew's Ladies against C.B.A. ladies in a friendly hockey game on Saturday. The score was 9-1.

Recreio ladies held a practice in preparation for the seven a side tournament.

Y.M.C.A. juniors were beaten by Engineers by the only goal scored, by Singleton, while the senior team was leading by two goals against Signals when rain prevented further play.

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RACING

A NEW record was established by Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper, ridden by Mr. W. H. S. Davis, in the Broken Hill Handicap, when the distance (about 1 mile 171 yards), was covered in 1.53 at Saturday's race meeting.

United Express was unplaced in this event.

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RUGBY

THE last Rugby game of the season was played on Saturday when Club beat Hong Kong Bank by 2 goals and 2 tries (16 points) to a try (3 points).

LARGE REINFORCEMENT ARRIVES IN SINGAPORE

Crack Airmen And Seasoned Troops From Britain

ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BLOCKADE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Four German and one Italian ships which have been skulking in Brazilian ports since war began are reported in Rio de Janeiro to have applied for clearance papers.

It is believed the ships will part company in an endeavour to break the British blockade. — International News Service.

POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DAY WHEN BRITAIN WILL HAVE WON THE WAR AND PEACE, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, LORD PRIVY SEAL, SPEAKING AT GLASGOW YESTERDAY, PREDICTED THAT IN THE NEW WORLD, WAR WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND THE SHAMEFUL BLOT OF POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY WOULD BE REMOVED.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear—fear of destruction, either by war or by want.

"These are two things which have oppressed the people of the 20th century."—Reuter.

Large Number Of Indian Battalions

THE FIRST UNITS of the British Army and the Royal Air Force to reach the Far East from the United Kingdom since the war began have arrived in Singapore.

This announcement was made yesterday by the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, announcing the arrival of additional reinforcements.

He added that the majority of the reinforcements consisted of famous Indian regiments. The personnel of the R.A.F. includes some of Britain's crack fighter pilots, while the British Army reinforcements include artillery, infantry and mechanised units.

The Indian reinforcements include Punjabis, Mussulmans, Rajputs and Dogras, as well as troops from Indian states in both North and South India.

After announcing the arrivals yesterday Sir Robert declared: "Our greatly increased strength in the Far East is a threat to none but on the other hand is a great stabilising force and an influence for peace.

"ALREADY INDIA AND AUSTRALIA HAVE SENT STRONG FORCES TO THIS AREA AND THEY ARE CONTINUING TO PLAY A MOST IMPORTANT PART IN MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO IN THE FAR EAST.

War Service

"It is cause for considerable satisfaction to be able to record that the situation in other theatres of war is so favourable that forces from so far distant as the United Kingdom can not only be spared for service in this area but can be transported safely in spite of the concentrated sea and air campaign waged against our sea communications throughout the world."

Many of the military reinforcements from Britain have seen service in this war and they are equipped with the latest British material designed as a result of lessons learned during the first year of warfare.

Governor Broadcasts

Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements, in a broadcast last evening, greeted the reinforcements "cordially and gratefully."

Hundreds of Indians were at the dockside to welcome the Indian reinforcement troops, who appeared extremely fit.

Object of special note on the deck of one transport was the reverently guarded Granth Sahik (sacred Scripture of the Hindus), which was escorted ashore with due ceremony.

Happy Combination

In his broadcast, Sir Shenton Thomas said it was good to know that in Malaya there was "the same happy combination of British, Australian and Indian units which a few weeks ago had destroyed the Italian armies in Libya."

He welcomed them, he said, because "we wish for peace and strength is an insurance for peace. We have no desire to attack others but we will and can defend ourselves." — Reuter.

SKIPPER FINED

Captain R. Parcou, master of the "Tai Pat," was charged this morning at the Marine Court before Commander T. C. Stiff with allowing his ship to enter the Tathong Channel while the Port-Closed signal was hoisted at Cape D'Aguilar.

Captain Parcou said he had gone up to the bridge at 6.30 a.m. and saw that the red light was hoisted, but on going down for a cup of tea and returning 10 minutes later he said the light had vanished.

It was stated that the signal was not hauled until 7.10 a.m.

A fine of $40 was imposed.

DEATH

SPAFFORD — At her residence, No. 1, Broadwood Road, Mrs. Balbina Libanie, mother of Mrs. J. Gascon de Bernedo and Mrs. H. M. Xavier, on March 31st, 1941. Funeral will pass the momument at 5.30 p.m. (Macao, Manila, Saigon and Singapore papers please copy).

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FIVE ITALIAN WARSHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM IN IONIAN SEA

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aments but her displacement was 1,500 tons.—Reuter.

British Wireless adds that two of our aircraft are not accounted for.

Italy's Losses

With the sinking of the three 8-inch gun cruisers, Fiume, Pola and Zara, Italy has now had over half her total force of these vessels, which at the outbreak of war consisted of seven, put out of action, the Bolzano having been severely damaged in a torpedo attack some time ago.

The Fiume and Zara were commissioned in 1930 and the Pola later. With a main armament of eight 8-inch guns and a displacement of 10,000 tons, these cruisers had a designed speed of 32 knots.

The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberti was one of the largest and fastest of Italian destroyers. Completed in 1936 her designed speed was 39 knots and she had a displacement of 1,729 tons.

The Maestrade was a smaller vessel displacing 1,449 tons. She was completed in 1934 and had a speed of 38 knots.—British Wireless.

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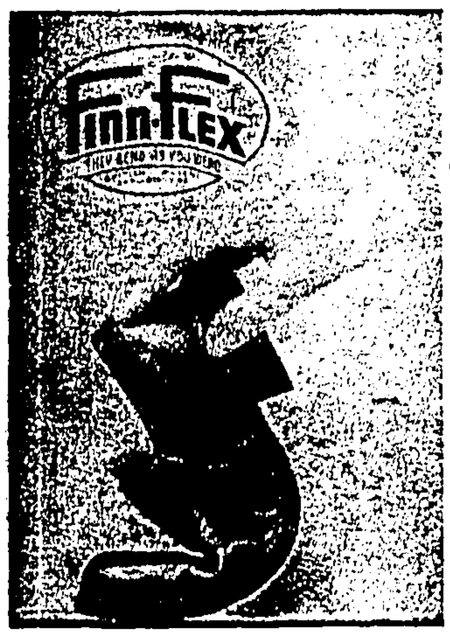

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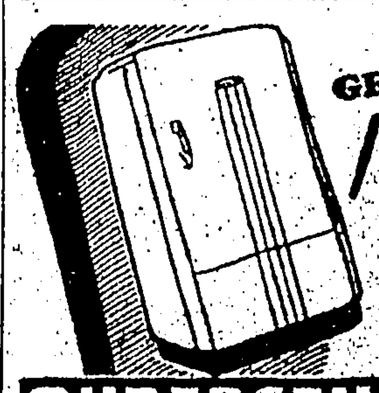

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NAZIS' FOUR-DAY ULTIMATUM

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NAZIS PUT ON A SHOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, left Berlin for Rome yesterday and was given a royal send-off.

The streets were lined with thousands of Germans, cheering to order, as the party was driven to the Anhalter station.

Huge Sunday throngs shouted sentiments of friendship.

Ribbentrop accompanied Mr. Matsuoka to the station, where the Ambassadors of all nations belonging to the Axis Pact joined in the send-off ceremonies with the German Chief of Staff and various other dignitaries.—International News Service.

Hitler's Menace To Yugoslavia

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMANY HAS NOW CONVEYED A FOUR-DAY ULTIMATUM TO YUGOSLAVIA, EXPIRING ON WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS FROM BELGRADE.

It is regarded as ominous that at a conference between the new Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the German Ambassador, von Heeren, an agreement was reached on reciprocal evacuation of Axis and Yugoslav diplomats in the event of hostilities.

In addition, it is learned from unimpeachable sources that Germany inquired whether Belgrade was to be regarded as an open city, not subject to military attack, and it is understood that General Simovitch quickly replied that Belgrade would be defended against attack.

The German ultimatum to Yugoslavia demands that the new Government make a clear-cut statement on foreign policy by Wednesday, especially relative to cooperation with Germany and full recognition of Yugoslavia's signature to the Axis Alliance.

THE NOTE WAS HANDED TO GENERAL SIMOVITCH BY VON HEEREN YESTERDAY AND THE INCREASINGLY TENSE SITUATION IN CONSEQUENCE IS REFLECTED IN THE SPEED-UP OF THE DEPARTURES OF GERMANS ABOARD DANUBE RIVER SHIPS.

Originally scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, these departures have been hastened and many Germans had already left the Yugoslavian capital last night.

Britons Packing

English residents of Belgrade are also packing for hasty departure, and some of the archives of the British Legation have been burned.

A very high official in Belgrade yesterday told International News that fears that Germany will invade Greece must increase the probabilities of a split between the Axis and Yugoslavia.

Such an invasion, he explained, would amount to the encirclement of Yugoslavia and deprive her of vital free port rights in Salonika. — International News Service.

Ians left Belgrade by express for Milan on Saturday night.

Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated, most of the Germans and Italians in Belgrade will have left by to-morrow. — Reuter.

TOKYO WORRIED

THE TOKYO NEWSPAPER "YOMIURI" ADMITS EDITORIALLY THIS MORNING THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S SUDDEN CHANGE IN ATTITUDE HAS MEANT, "A SEVERE SETBACK TO AXIS PLANS IN THE BALKANS."

The newspaper adds that an improvement in the Axis military position in Albania and the Mediterranean is necessary to achieve a change in Yugoslavia's anti-Axis attitude.—Reuter.

FRENCH VERSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL".

A French Admiralty statement on the Anglo-French convoy incident yesterday announces that the four merchantships were escorted by the destroyer Simoun.

The British naval force was composed of a cruiser and five destroyers.

The convoy, the statement says, was on the way from Casablanca to Oran. — International News Service.

INVASION PORTS STRAFED

The German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk last night.

Explosions were heard from the British side and fires seen in the direction of Calais.

Earlier, during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except for one bomber, which was driven off.

The R.A.F.'s swoop on the German invasion ports along the French coast was intensive and heavy.

Fierce Fires

Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view. Bombs and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk, and the clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires, while the thud of many heavy explosions could clearly be heard.—Reuter.

ALL ITALIAN SHIPS IN U.S. SEIZED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SEIZURE OF ALL Italian ships tied up in American waters due to the war, amounting to 27 in all, and ordered by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, was carried out with President Roosevelt's approval.

The Treasury Department said the action was taken under an Executive Order issued last October, under the terms of the 1917 Espionage Act, which provides that such action may be taken if foreign ships are wrecked, thus tying up American harbours.

All 27 ships were seized forthwith by the United States Coastguard yesterday, including the 23,000-ton liner "Conte Biancamano," formerly on the Far Eastern run, which is tied up in the Panama Canal.

Other Italian ships were seized in the harbours of, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Wilmington, New Orleans, Houston, Mobile, Puerto Rico and Portland, Oregon.

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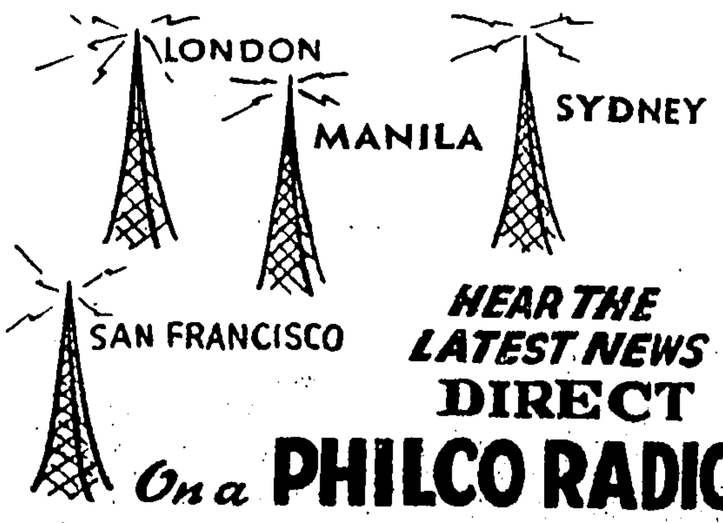
...reasury Department re... that two German ships in ... harbour have been boarded by the Coastguard but have been officially seized. Most the crews have been arrested ...d interned.—International News ...rvice.

MOBILISATION CONTINUES IN YUGOSLAVIA

Extra military classes were called up in Yugoslavia last night.

It is announced in Belgrade that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontiers.

A fifth batch of Italian civil-



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YUGOSLAV FRONTIER REPORTED TO BE CLOSED

German And Italian Residents Leaving Country

GERMAN RADIO VERSIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE FRONTIER BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND STYRIA (AUSTRIA) HAS BEEN CLOSED BY THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES.

Reich Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency.

A first special train, with some 800 Germans, left last evening and another train leaves early this morning.

Not only Italian journalists but Italians generally are beginning to leave Yugoslavia, according to latest reports from Rome, adds the German agency.

German Army Movements

Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from south to north via the Kinajevo road, through the suburbs of Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency yesterday.

The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwilengrad, on the Bulgar-Turkish frontier.

Yugoslav Discipline

A Belgrade telegram to the official Italian agency reports the arrests of pro-Axis journalists, including Gregorich, director of the pro-Axis "Vreme" newspaper.

News from Yugoslav sources in Belgrade emphasises that popular enthusiasm is being kept strictly within the limits of order and discipline.

The Simovitch Government is dealing with current business, particularly the budget.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR RECALLED

The Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey was scheduled to leave for Belgrade last evening.

It is understood he was recalled by his Government for consultation.—Reuter.

BRITAIN DELIVERS THE GOODS

DESPITE THE LOSS OF LARGE EUROPEAN MARKETS IN DENMARK AND HOLLAND, BRITISH EXPORTS OF BICYCLES WERE HIGHER LAST YEAR THAN IN 1939.

The fact that exports last year were extra-European is also a comment on the failure of Hitler's counter-blockade to curtail British overseas trade.

Exports of bicycles to South America are increasing steadily. Brazil, for example, last year took more than double the number of bicycles of British manufacture she did in 1939.

Value of bicycles exported in 1940 was £3,570,829. — British Wireless.

LUPESCU ESTATES CONFISCATED

The remaining property in Rumania belonging to Madame Lupescu, who accompanied ex-King Carol to exile, has been confiscated, says a Bucharest message to the German news agency. — Reuter.

This woman seen wearing a striking winter fashion does not seem to mind the cold—but she attracted plenty of attention as she walked through the West-End of London recently.—(Copyright, Fox.)

SKIPPER FINED

Captain R. Parcou, master of the "Tai Pat," was charged this morning at the Marine Court before Commander T. C. Stiff with allowing his ship to enter the Tathong Channel while the Port-Closed signal was hoisted at Cape D'Aguilar.

Captain Parcou said he had gone up to the bridge at 6.30 a.m. and saw that the red light was hoisted, but on going down for a cup of tea and returning 10 minutes later he said the light had vanished.

It was stated that the signal was not hauled until 7.10 a.m.

A fine of $40 was imposed.

BOSTON INCIDENT

ARMED COASTGUARDS HAVE BEEN SEEN BOARDING THE GERMAN OIL TANKER PAULINE FRIEDERICH (4,733 TONS) IN BOSTON HARBOUR, MASSACHUSETTS, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER "BOSTON RECORD" YESTERDAY, SAYS A REUTER TELEGRAM.

NAZI SHIP SLIPS OUT OF SHANGHAI

Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobtrusive departure from Shanghai at the week-end of the large German freighter "Ramses," which had been tied up in the local harbour since the outbreak of war.

Present whereabouts of the vessel are not disclosed but, unofficially, she has headed for Japan.

It is learned the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities.

Waterfront circles in Shanghai believe that the "Ramses," which is of 7,983 tons, is most probably to be converted into a raider.

Only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the converted Italian "Conte Verde" of 18,500 tons.—Reuter.

NAZIS WORKING UP "ATROCITY" CAMPAIGN

All German broadcasts last night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia.

It is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaigns preceeding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland.—Reuter.

U.S. GRANTS FOR RELIEF IN GREECE

The United States has now contributed £750,000 to relief in Greece, it was stated in Athens yesterday.

RUMANIA FOLLOWS AXIS LINE ON BELGRADE ISSUE

"A RETURN TO THE line of policy agreed to by Yugoslavia at Vienna no longer seems possible for the Simovitch Government," declared a Bucharest despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

It adds that political circles in Rumania declare, on the basis of information obtained from Belgrade, that "the measures adopted by the new Government are assuming a more pronounced anti-Axis tendency."

"Irresponsible fanatics" are held responsible for this, says the agency, which adds:

"A grave impression was made by the flight of peasants of German origin from Yugoslavia to Rumania."

The German radio reports anti-Italian demonstrations on Saturday night at Zagreb, capital of Croatia, but on the other hand the German news agency states:

Croats Confer

"Perfect order and quiet" prevail in Zagreb, where the leaders of the Croat Peasant Party are conferring on the situation under the presidency of Dr. Matchek.

The Ban (Governor) of Croatia, M. Spubachitch, whom Dr. Matchek sent to Belgrade on behalf of the Croats, has now returned to Zagreb, where he immediately conferred with Dr. Matchek.—Reuter.

Dr. Matchek Accepts

DR. MATCHEK, THE CROAT LEADER, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BELGRADE FROM ZAGREB TO-MORROW, ACCORDING TO A BELGRADE DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

He has been away from the capital since the coup d'etat on Thursday and has not yet formally indicated his acceptance of the office of Vice-Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet.

The despatch, however, says he has now agreed in principle to participate in the new Government on receiving assurances that there will be no change in the status of Croatia, which was granted a measure of autonomy in 1939. — Reuter.

POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DAY WHEN BRITAIN WILL HAVE WON THE WAR AND PEACE, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, LORD PRIVY SEAL, SPEAKING AT GLASGOW YESTERDAY, PREDICTED THAT IN THE NEW WORLD, WAR WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND THE SHAMEFUL BLOT OF POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY WOULD BE REMOVED.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear—fear of destruction, either by war or by want.

"These are two things which have oppressed the people of the 20th century."—Reuter.

GOVERNOR'S TERM EXTENDED

The term of office of Sir [illegible]bert James Stanley as Gov[illegible] of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until October next, a Reuter message from L[illegible]

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ANGLO-FRENCH CLASH OFF ALGIERS COAST

Shore Batteries Fire On Warships: Convoy Incident

AN INCIDENT IN WHICH FRENCH SHORE BATTERIES IN ALGIERS OPENED FIRE ON SOME BRITISH LIGHT NAVAL FORCES IS RELATED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ADMIRALTY IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The communique states: "Reports had been received that a convoy of four merchantships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that the convoy carried important war material for Germany.

"Accordingly orders were given for the interception of the convoy which, however, passed through the Straits within Spanish territorial waters.

"Our forces caught up with the French ships, after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"French shore batteries in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships, notwithstanding that they were merely engaged in exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights.

"His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence, and hits were observed on shore batteries.

Interests Of Humanity

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchantships and their escort, but in the interests of humanity did not do so and the mechantships succeeded in entering the nearby French port of Nemours.

"During the return of our forces to Gibraltar they were twice attacked by French bomber formations without suffering damage or casualties."

The French version of the incident says that "a considerable British naval force attacked at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning in French territorial waters, between Nemours and Oran, a convoy of four French merchantships bound from Casablanca to Oran under the escort of a single French destroyer.

"The convoy took shelter in the port of Nemours under the protection of its escort, naval shore batteries and aircraft, which replied to the fire of the aggressors and drove them off.

"The convoy is safe and unharmed."—Reuter.

ONE SHIP CARRIED RUBBER

It was revealed in London last night that one of the four French ships challenged by British naval units in the Mediterranean was carrying a cargo of rubber, and Germany is very short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles that at least one of these ships sailed from Bangkok with rubber which would inevitably find its way across the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always fully maintained her rights under international law to search ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany, and it has long been notorious that French merchantmen have been carrying to French metropolitan ports various materials, a high proportion of which are immediately appropriated by Germany.

Strange Reflection

It is considered in London a strange reflection on French policy that she should attack British forces at the very time when the British Navy was engaged in destroying warships of France's enemy, Italy.

Moreover, the French action, as seen in London, appears particularly untimely when Britain has indicated her willingness to abrogate her international right to the extent of allowing the passage of certain foodstuffs in order to relieve sufferings in unoccupied France caused by German rapacity.—Reuter.

ONLY THREE DAYLIGHT AIR RAIDERS

Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight yesterday. One of them crashed near Middlesbrough, in Yorkshire, shot down by a Spitfire patrol. All the crew were killed Reuter.

A "DEPTH" CHARGE

WITH A SINGLE BOMB A COASTAL COMMAND BLENHEIM YESTERDAY SANK A GERMAN ANTI-SUBMARINE VESSEL OFF THE ESTUARY OF THE LOIRE.

The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry news service. There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LOSSES IN ALBANIA

An Italian stock-taking of the war in Albania would show losses in men and material far outweighing any advantages.

Italian prisoners say the recent offensive cost 50,000 casualties. Huge stores of materials were captured which the Greeks are now using.

MORE ALLEGED DETAILS

A French version of the Anglo-French convoy incident, given in a French Admiralty communique, also claims that the cargo of the merchantships concerned consisted solely of commodities and products destined to supply the native population of Algeria.

The cargo, it claims, was rice, sugar, barley and so forth, and the communique adds: "All the evidences, and the route followed by the ships along the Algerian coast', goes to show it was a transaction between two French possessions.

"The attack on the convoy by British warships cannot, therefore, be explained by the necessities of the blockade, the object of which is to prevent cargo ships taking food supplies to belligerent countries."

The communique contends that the British "attack" was entirely unjustifiable and "incomprehensible."—Reuter.

TRIPOLI HEAVILY BOMBED BY R.A.F.

THE IMPORTANT HARBOUR of Tripoli, in Libya, was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday/Saturday, and bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in the R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday, which states: "Italian East Africa: there was further intense activity by the Royal Air Force in the Asmara area on Saturday.

In the town itself the main station buildings, trucks, sidings and a motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport, a factory and a stores yard were set on fire.

Motor transport and troops on roads in the same area were heavily bombed and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others damaged.

Aircraft of a Free French squadron took part in a raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara, where military buildings were demolished by direct hits.

Railway Attacked

North of Dessye and in the Awash area considerable damage was done to a large concentration of motor vehicles when they were bombed and machine-gunned.

The railway station at Metarhari was also dive-bombed and the railway line damaged.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force carried out successful bombing and machine-gun attacks on motor transport and buildings in the Nagi area.

Near Diredawn motor transport vehicles were overturned and many others observed to be damaged after machine-gun attack from the air.

Libya: during the night of March 28/29 R.A.F. bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli.

Ships Strafed

LARGE BOMBS WERE OBSERVED TO FALL AMONG SHIPPING AND OTHERS WERE SEEN BURSTING BETWEEN THE WIRELESS STATION AND THE MAIN ELECTRIC POWER STATION.

Albania: Three successful offensive reconnaissances were made on Saturday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukai and Dukati.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

SHROFF ACCUSED

A 28-year-old shroff, Ku Shi-yiu, employed by the "Kwok Wah Yat Po" (Chinese newspaper), was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with embezzlement of $810.21 between January 1 and March 28.

Detective Sergeant W. Summers asked for 24 hours' remand.

The application was granted.

MATSUOKA ON HIS WAY TO ROME

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, has left Berlin for Rome, says a Reuter despatch.

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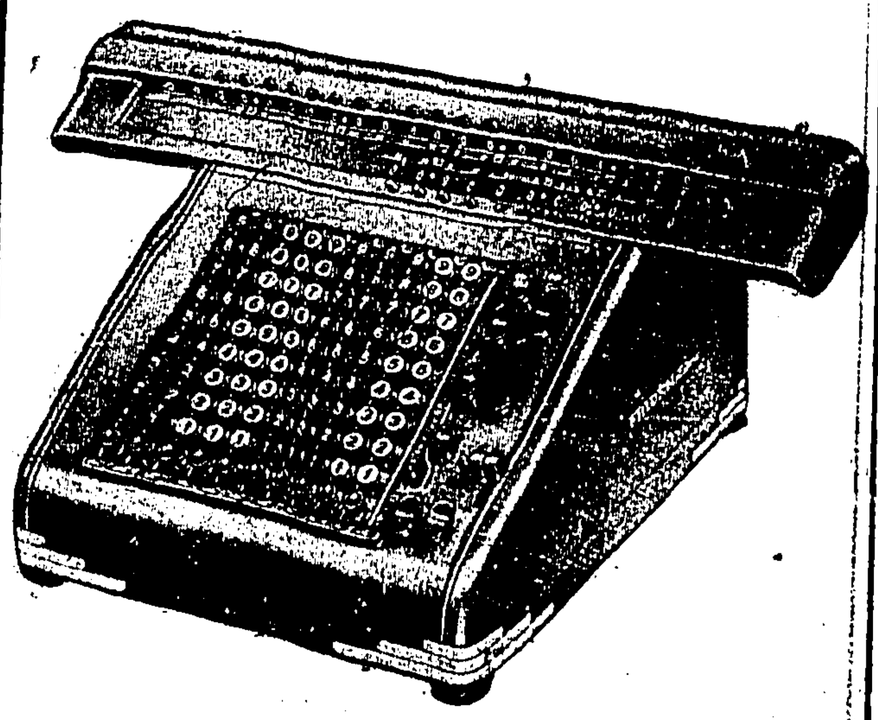

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WANG STRUTS IN NANKING

Sunday, the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Nanking regime, passed off without incident in Shanghai, though the police in both the foreign areas greatly increased the number of barricades and had numerous search parties on the streets.

It was feared that an outbreak of terrorism would mark the anniversary but fortunately the day passed peacefully.

The anniversary also passed off without incident in Nanking, according to reports reaching Shanghai.

Wang Ching-wei, President of the Japanese-sponsored Nanking Government, opened the celebrations in a special ceremony in the morning with a speech in which he referred to the cooperation of the Nanking regime with Japan and in supporting Japan in their efforts to establish a co-prosperity sphere in greater East Asia.

Nanking Goes Gay

The entire city was bedecked with bunting and flags of the new regime and later Wang Ching-wei reviewed units of troops and guards of the new regime at the Central Military Academy.

The first day of the celebrations ended with a commemoration ball in the evening at the International Club, in which discussions for setting up the new regime had first taken form over a year ago.—Reuter.

KWANGTUNG OPERATIONS

JAPANESE COLUMNS DRIVING INLAND FROM THE SOUTHERN KWANGTUNG COAST ARE NOW BEING CHECKED. FIGHTING IS PROCEEDING IN BOTH THE HOIFUNG AND CHAOYEUNG AREAS.

After capturing Kungping north of Hoifung, the Japanese pushed north to Tiensum, where they are being engaged by the Chinese.

During the past few days, the Japanese in Hoifung have indulged in an orgy of incendiarism. Many public buildings and civilian houses in the city were razed to the ground.

In the Chaoyeung area, the Japanese are pushing west apparently with Kityeung as their objective. One column pushed to Songtient and Hayeung, while another penetrated Kampo and Muifa, but their further advance has been thwarted. Fighting is raging in the heights northwest of Chaoyeung.—Central News.

TWO WEDDINGS

The following marriages took place this afternoon at the Supreme Court Registry, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages:

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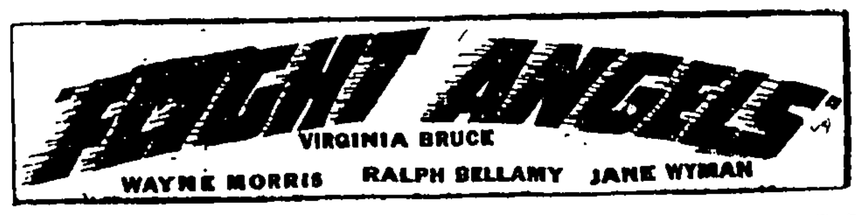

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Reuter is authorised to make the following statement by the Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China:

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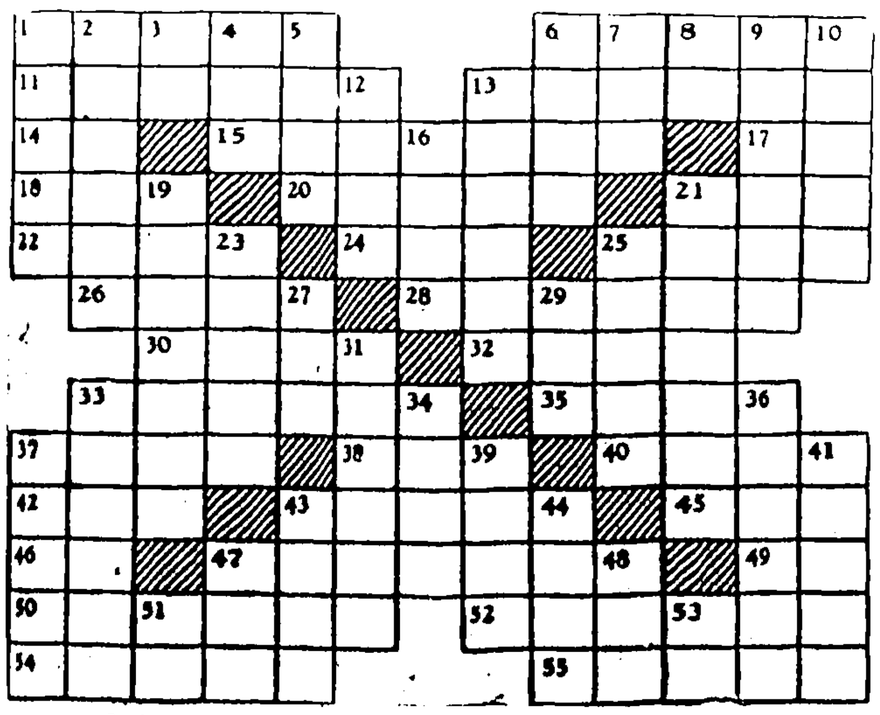

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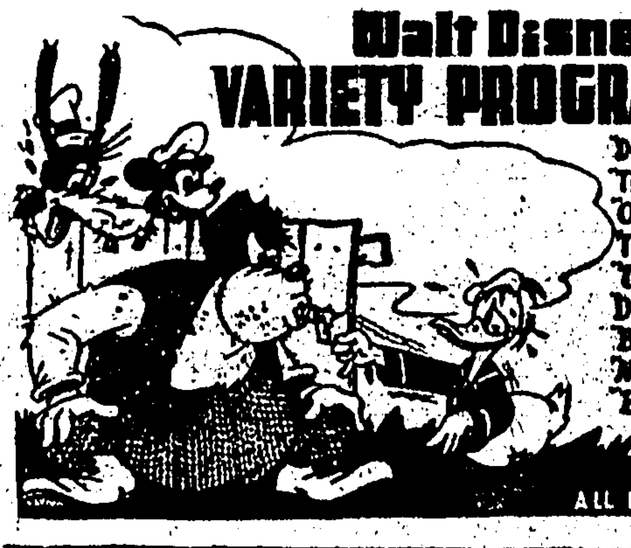

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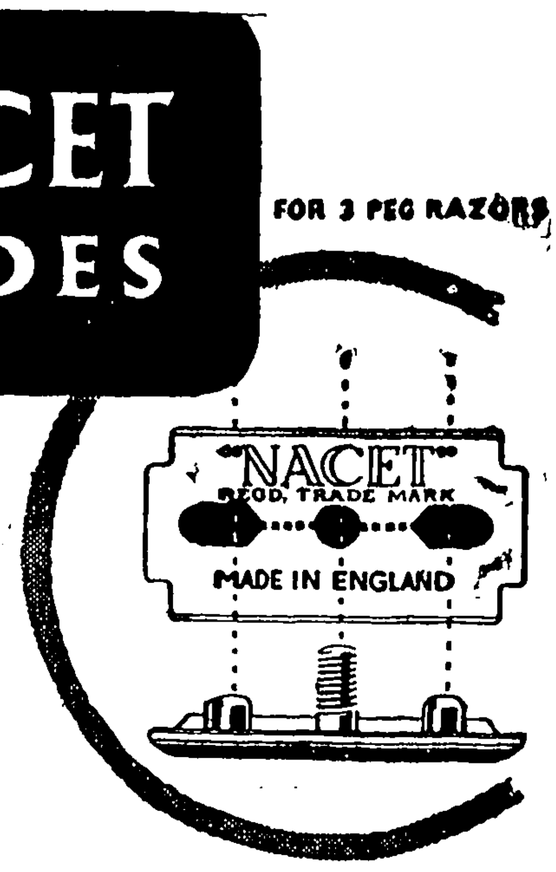

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Blasting away road blocks which the retreating enemy has placed in the way of the British forces they are opening a way for a British advance on Asmara.

The Eritrean capital lies in a bowl of mountains at the end of a winding mountain road that zigzags through defiles and up mountain sides to a height of 7,000 feet.

The tactics of the withdrawing Italians consist of dynamiting the cliffside, bringing an avalanche onto the highway and creating a temporarily effective block which the enemy covers with machine-guns from the surrounding heights.

While our infantry mop up these machine-gun posts, gangs of sappers set to work to blast a way through the mass of rock.

Over The Top

On several occasions they simply re-laid the road across the top of the rock.

On the rapidity of their work depends the speed of our advance. *LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE FIRST BIG BLOCK, 40 MILES FROM ASMARA, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME.*

The Cairo military spokesman revealed yesterday that one-third of the prisoners taken at Keren are Italians and the rest native troops.

He placed the number of Italian dead and seriously wounded at 5,000 or 6,000. — Reuter.

PEER FOUND SHOT DEAD

Family Dogged By Tragedy

Viscount Lambton, son and heir of the Earl of Durham, was found shot dead on the lawn in front of the family residence of Fenton House, near Wooler, Northumberland. He was 20.

Lord Lambton had recently returned to Fenton from London, where he had a town house in Gloucester Gate. He left this about 18 months ago to live in the country. He registered recently for military service.

Tragedy has dogged the Lambton family through many generations. Within the last four years, three of its members have met untimely deaths.

Beatrix, Countess of Durham died in April, 1937, on the day her grand-daughter, Lady Rachel Douglas-Home, was married to Lord William Scott. Lady Durham had been in a Berwick shop a week earlier to choose a wedding present when she fell heavily.

Her husband, the fourth earl, succeeded to the title in September, 1928, but died in the following January. Their second son, Geoffrey, was killed in action in 1914.

Two cousins of the present Earl met tragic deaths. In October, 1937, Mr. Gervase Lambton was lost at sea, between Port Sudan and Aden, while travelling by liner to Kenya.

Just over a year later Mr. D'Arcy Lambton was killed and his wife seriously injured when their car collided with a lorry on the Oxford-Worcester road near Woodstock.

The Lambton Worm

According to an ancient family tradition, that of the Lambton worm, the Lords of Lambton for nine generations were doomed not to die in their beds. The story dates from the time of the Crusades, when the then Lord Lambton killed a worm so huge that it could wind itself round a hill near Lambton Castle.

But the price of his victory was that he should kill the first living thing he met after slaying the worm. It was his father whom he met and did not kill, with the result that the nine generations curse was laid on the family.

ANCHORED JUNK IN MINEFIELD

Cheong Kwai, junk foki, was charged at the Marine Court with anchoring his junk inside the Tathong Channel Minefield.

Pointing out that it was a serious offence, Commander Stiff imposed a fine of $20 or three weeks.

DE GAULLE AT KEREN

General de Gaulle recently visited Free French forces on the Keren front, it was revealed in Cairo yesterday, says a Reuter dispatch.

THREW NAZI OUT OF WINDOW

How a German soldier was thrown out of the window of the Cafe d'Harcourt, on the Boulevard Saint Michel, Paris, is told in a letter published by "France," organ of the Free French movement, from a Parisienne.

She was in the Cafe d'Harcourt frequented by students, when from a first-floor window a German soldier in green uniform was pushed out bodily. He rolled down the awning and on to the pavement.

A German officer with revolver sprang forward, and the German police with clubs tried to disperse the crowd. There was a scuffle, and that evening a number of people failed to return to their homes. The cafe was closed for several days.

"We see daily the work of your (British) troops, land and sea forces and the R.A.F. when whole trains of wounded arrive in the capital," adds the correspondent. "Thank you for not having missed your objective."

GERMAN SHIPPING MACHINE-GUNNED

The R.A.F., continuing their policy of seeking out and attacking German shipping off the French and Dutch coasts, have announced that three such ships were machine-gunned and bombed off the Dutch coast yesterday, in addition to the destruction of an anti-submarine vessel in the Loire estuary.—Reuter.

PEOPLE TO WIN THE PEACE THIS TIME

ALTHOUGH A PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WON THE LAST WAR THEY LOST THE PEACE. THIS TIME THEY INTENDED TO WIN THE WAR AND WIN THE PEACE AS WELL.

This conviction was expressed by Mr. Clement Attlee speaking the Glasgow last evening, when he pointed out that a lack of a common European patriotism had enabled the Nazis to isolate their victims by playing on mutual suspicions and hatreds.

Some people insisted, Mr. Attlee said, that the unity of nations depended only upon dictates of self-interest but when he saw free volunteers from overseas who came to fight Nazism, and when he read of contributions made by poorly paid Africans, and when he learned of acts of heroism and self-sacrifice performed by men and women of all classes and creeds in the Civil Defence Services, he know that the unity of the peoples of the British Empire was founded on a spiritual ideal.

Mr. Attlee stressed the duty of thinking of post-war problems and how they were to be met. He urged young people to set their minds to work, as it was their world that would have to be built.

Modified Sovereignty

Speaking of Europe after the war Mr. Attlee: "We want a Europe where all nations will be able to live their own lives in security and peace but I do not believe this will be possible on the basis of complete and absolute individualism.

We want a Europe and a world where all shall be prosperous but I do not believe prosperity and a high standard of living is compatible with complete economic self-sufficiency for each nation." — British Wireless.

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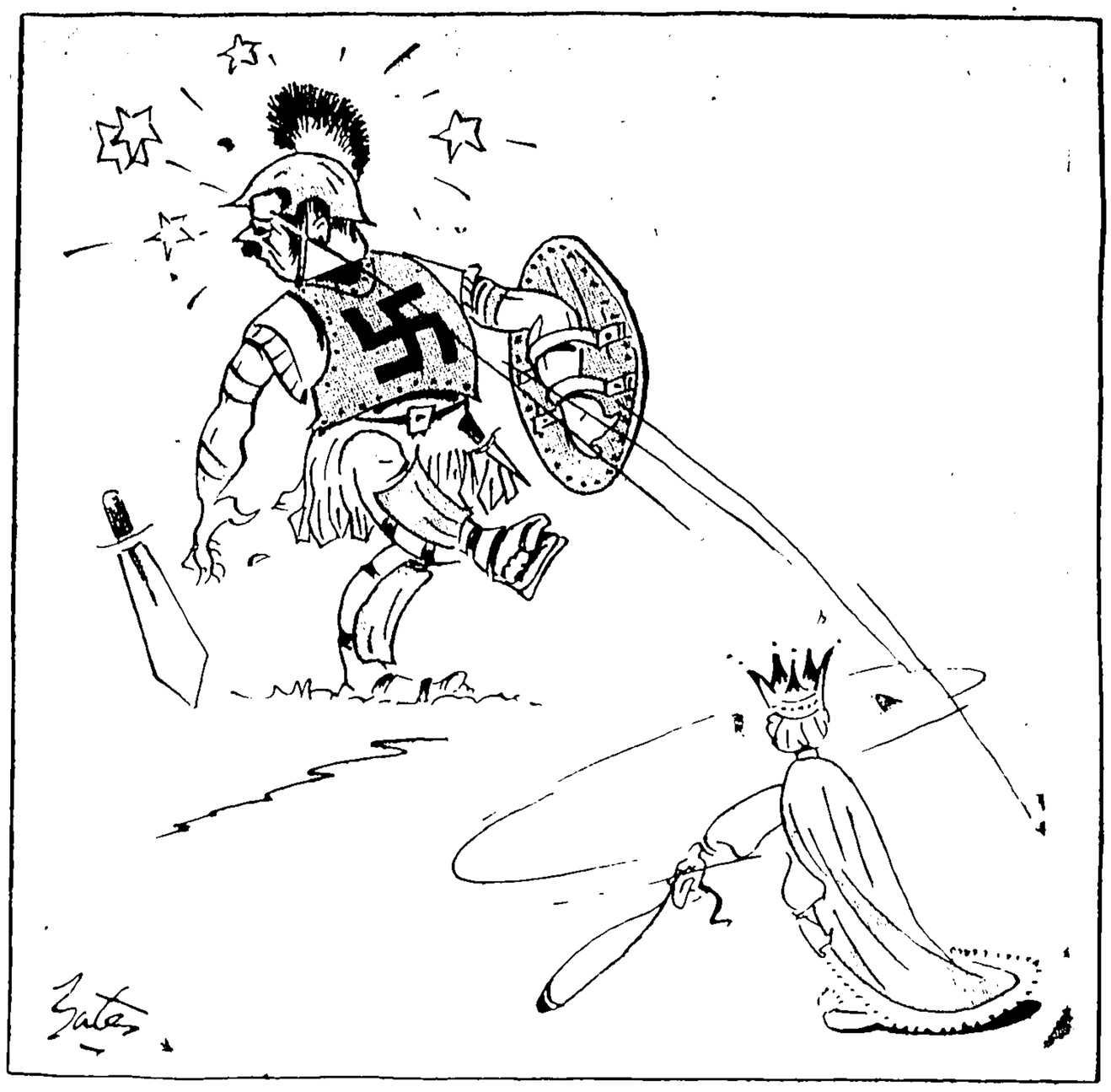
THE GRAND ALLIANCE

"There is going to be a united and altogether successful effort in the production of defence materials in the United States to be used by ourselves, by Great Britain and by Greece and China. I have no misgivings about the outcome of this war." Thus Mr. Harry Hopkins, personal envoy of President Roosevelt.

It is commonplace to-day. How fantastic it would have appeared nine months ago! Nine months of endurance worked this mighty change. Seven months more and an equal transformation may be presented to our gaze. For Mr. Hopkins says that by 1942 American production may have reached its peak, and President Roosevelt, in the most direct and far-reaching of his propositions, demands the means to achieve it. Those months will summon from us stiffer endurance and fiercer hardship. Yet we have the promise to beckon us through.

Was there ever such a convulsion in the affairs of men? "Those who survey with a curious eye the revolutions of mankind," wrote Gibbon, "may observe that the gardens and circus of Nero on the Vatican, which were polluted with the blood of the first Christians, have been rendered still more famous by the triumph and by the abuse of the persecuted religion. On the same spot a temple which far surpasses the ancient glories of the Capital, has been since erected by the Christian pontiffs, who deriving their claim of universal dominion from a humble fisherman of Galilee have succeeded to the throne of the Caesars, given laws to the barbarian conquerors of Rome and extended their spiritual jurisdiction from the coast of the Baltic to the shores of the Pacific Ocean."

That was a tale of centuries. How will it compare with the story of a people who stood alone and forsaken against the most monstrous and powerful Moloch which ever threatened mankind and who emerged after months the leader of a Grand Alliance of free nations?



DAVID AND GOLIATH

A Great Chance Lost

By Luis Araquistain

The psychology of the Britons is indeed very peculiar. During four long months they have endured the fiercest bombing raids ever suffered by any country with imperturbable spirit. For the last few weeks most of the London population have ceased to go down to the refuges. We have not had any night raids and very few day alerts for the last week, and people are asking themselves half ironically and half anxiously what new Blitz — the term Blitz having become a comic word among ordinary people - is Hitler preparing" As though it could be possible to surpass the already known. Of course there is always the possibility of gas. But so far it is not likely. The possibility of reprisals is to be borne in mind, and the Germans know perfectly well that the British gasses will not be inferior to theirs and that its climate will make Germany a better target. Anything can be expected from the Nazis' last desperate throw, but so far that moment is yet distant.

The explanation for this temporary lull is to be searched in the displacement of the war. The battle is no longer concentrated in the North Seas but in the Mediterranean. Britain has recovered its initiative and, faithful to the best rule in the art of war, has concentrated its attack on the weak point of its enemies — the Mediterranean basin. Soon the new Roman empire will have become a sweet dream, dismissed by a tragic awakening. In the whole of Africa there will be no Italians left except for the dead or those made prisoners. Hitler has forgotten — or never knew — that Empires are not improvised, nor do they spring from the heads of megalomaniacs. They are biological creations, the work of the centuries and of a whole nation, as was the ancient Roman Empire, and later the Spanish and now the British.

Hitler displaces himself from the North Seas to the Mediterranean in order to check the downfall of his ally's empire, collapsing like a balloon. But it is too late. The Nazi leader has made a tragic error. He was determined to defeat Britain as he had defeated France, by attacking the centre, in its own heart, where it was strongest, instead of seeking — for more — vulnerable points in the Empire. This was a dangerous misconception. When Lord Halifax stated, some days ago, that Hitler lost the war in June 1940, in Britain's weakest moment because he did not push his offensive then against this country, the new British Ambassador in Washington was probably right, specially if in that moment he was thinking of the Mediterranean situation. I believe, nevertheless, that if Germany could not destroy the British Army in Dunkirk it could not have defeated it at home, even in those days of maximum defencelessness.

But if Hitler then had had the vision to send to Africa one or two thousand aeroplanes and his best general staff to lead the Italian army, when Britain, trusting to the French troops in North Africa, had left Egypt practically without a garrison, the course of the war would have been totally different. Mussolini, intoxicated with his African victories, would not have given Greece a thought. Suez would have been in great peril and it is probable that the African French Empire would have capitulated also. And if Hitler, in such favourable psychological and military circumstances, had completed this manoeuvre by pushing his troops into Iran and taken over the south of Spain, the Mediterranean Western key— whether Gibraltar resisted or not — would have ceased to be in British hands. With the whole of North Africa dominated, the Axis' triumphant forces would have been able to spread all along the Western littoral of that Continent and, with their Air Force and submarines, would have made trade between America and Britain almost impossible.

This desperate position would have led to a deadly discouragement to all those in America who wanted to uphold this country, but only on condition that their assistance should not be quixotic and sterile. To-day Hitler, realising the weakness of his ally and thinking of the British move which transferred the war to the Mediterranean just when he had reassembled his forces, must bitterly regret his bad move, remembering that in June 1940 all the trump cards were in his hand, and that he lost for ever a unique and marvellous opportunity.

But now it is too late. Too late to save Italy and her Empire; too late to withdraw from Greece and to attack through the Balkan wasp's nest; too late for Suez and Gibraltar; too late for the Mediterranean battle and also for the Atlantic battle. Too late to intimidate America, and even too late for a peace like that of 1918, which not only left intact the vanquished, but sowed the seeds of disunity so well among the victors that twenty years later Germany was able to resume war, more powerful than she was even in 1914.

It is obvious that the United States not only want to contribute to the triumph and endurance of Britain but also to prepare a peace that no country or combined countries will ever be able to violate without an immediate and exemplary punishment. The future League of Nations will not be in Geneva but in London and Washington. The transfer of American warships to Britain; the lease for a hundred years of British naval bases in America to the United States; the unrestricted delivery of war material leased or lent instead of sold; the unprecedented welcome given by Roosevelt to Lord Halifax in the open seas, the appointment of a personal and unofficial envoy of the American President to Britain; Mr. Wendell Willkie's visit, not as a defeated presidential candidate but as an almost certain successor to Mr. Roosevelt, seeking information of the problems connected with the war, and also perhaps to acquaint himself with the projects of any permanent peace that may be being planned here — projects which he may be called to put into execution in four years' time or to continue them if already begun — all these are signs that something great and without precedent in history for the future of Europe and the world is being forged.

It looks as though the two Anglo-Saxon democracies have decided to demonstrate not only that they are invincible, but also that, in future, they will become impregnable. In June 1940, Hitler, besides losing the war, did something else. He made it impossible for any future Hitler to arise in Europe.

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FIVE ITALIAN WARSHIPS GO TO BOTTOM IN IONIAN SEA

Without A Single Casualty Or Damage To British Fleet

LATER NEWS OF THE NAVAL AND AIR BATTLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOWS THAT BRITAIN HAS STRUCK THE GREATEST BLOW OF THE WAR AT SEA.

Five Italian warships — three cruisers and two destroyers — have been sent to the bottom without a single casualty or the slightest damage to the British Fleet.

It is officially confirmed that the enemy cruisers sunk were the Fiume, Pola and Zara, and that a large and a small destroyer were also destroyed.

News of the successful outcome of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's operations is described in the following communique issued by the Admiralty in London last evening:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that no casualties or damage were sustained by His Majesty's ships throughout the recent operation.

"Some of our aircraft are, however, not accounted for.

"So far it is confirmed that the following Italian warships have been sunk:

"The 8-inch gun cruisers Fiume, Pola and Zara.

"The large destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto, and

"The destroyer Maestrade.

"Further details are awaited".

10,000 Tons Each

The Fiume, which was heavily armed, carried eight 8-inch guns among her armament, and her complement was 705 officers and ratings.

All three cruisers were of 10,000 tons.

The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberto was completed in 1936 and had a displacement of 1,700 tons and a complement of 157.

The Maestrade had similar armaments but her displacement was 1,500 tons.—Reuter.

British Wireless adds that two of our aircraft are not accounted for.

Italy's Losses

With the sinking of the three 8-inch gun cruisers, Fiume, Pola and Zara, Italy has now had over half her total force of these vessels, which at the outbreak of war consisted of seven, put out of action, the Bolzano having been severely damaged in a torpedo attack some time ago.

The Fiume and Zara were commissioned in 1930 and the Pola later. With a main armament of eight 8-inch guns and a displacement of 10,000 tons, these cruisers had a designed speed of 32 knots.

The destroyer Vincenzo Gioberti was one of the largest and fastest of Italian destroyers. Completed in 1936 her designed speed was 39 knots and she had a displacement of 1,729 tons.

The Maestrade was a smaller vessel displacing 1,449 tons. She was completed in 1934 and had a speed of 38 knots.—British Wireless.

Naval Battle Survivors In Greece

Survivors have been landed at Piraeus from four of the five Italian ships sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by British warships.

Three Italian cruisers, the Fiume, Pola and Zara, and an Italian destroyer are represented among these survivors.

They were brought in by a Greek destroyer. Reuter.

U.S. STRIKES ENDING

The strikes in various United States defence industries show some improvement.

It was announced yesterday that a settlement has been reached in Bethlehem Steel Company's works at Johnston, Pennsylvania.

Congress of Industrial Organisation workers, at a meeting in Chicago, agreed to return to work immediately at four International Harvester Company factories which have been closed for eight weeks. Reuter.

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE

A corporal in the military police Alexander Hill, thirty-six, was remanded at Glasgow on a double murder charge.

It is alleged that in a house at Cheriton Street, Springburn, Glasgow, Hill shot his wife and William Headlands, of the Royal Navy, with a revolver.

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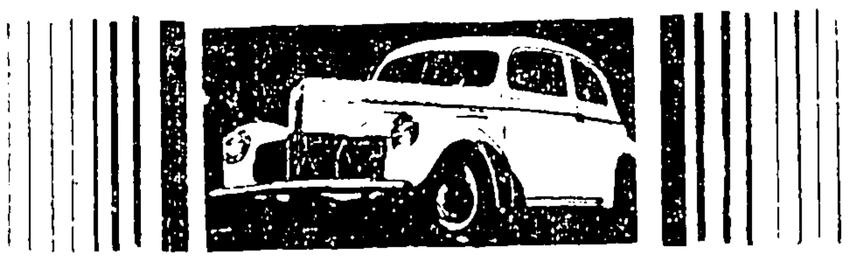

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AUSTRIAN DISCONTENT

It is learned from reliable sources in Vienna that the severity of the winter is causing much discontent in Austria. The shortage of foodstuffs, and especially of fuel, is very great. Coal is almost unobtainable in Vienna.

Under such conditions enthusiasm for Nazism, which was evident even among Austrians at the period of the German victories, has almost disappeared. The townspeople have now to face and think of the difficulties of the situation, and the belief in an eventual German victory has markedly lessened, especially among the workers.

Cancelled Meetings

The results are already apparent in the internal political life of Austria. Many meetings organised by the Nazi party in the workers' quarters of Vienna had to be postponed or cancelled owing to the smallness of the audiences.

Even threats of personal reprisals did not have the desired effect, and in some cases the attendance was only five or 10.

The Nazi salute is given infrequently, and many persons were recently arrested for expressing open dissatisfaction with conditions.

Many Austrians are again having dreams of Austrian independence. Communist propaganda has also revived, and many believe the recent railway accident on the Semmering was the result of sabotage.

Many believe that Italy will drag Germany to disaster in this war as Austria dragged Germany to ruin in the last one.

FEELINGS HURT: POCKET HURT

For slapping an amah on the face after she had accidentally stepped on his foot, Wong Wah, 30-year-old shop foki, was ordered to pay $5 compensation by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. this morning.

PRESIDENT ENDS HIS HOLIDAY

Having concluded his holiday cruise on the presidential yacht Potomac, President Roosevelt yesterday left by train for Washington, says Reuter from New York.

Call To Catholic Germany

A call to Catholic Germany to awake and face the pagan tendencies which the Nazi regime is spreading throughout the Reich occupied territory, was made in a broadcast by the Vatican radio yesterday.

The announcer declared that the religious situation in Germany was highly unsatisfactory and condemned the Nazi attitude to the Church in outspoken terms.

The threat of State religion hung over all religious life in these territories.

The announcer said lecturers, teachers and propagandists inculcate pagan principles into German youth, deprived of proper religious instruction.

Even in schools, where a priest is in theory admitted, he often finds the door closed to him.—Reuter.

THRILLS? OH, NO!

When a British freighter sailed into Boston (Mass.) after a voyage from Cardiff, the skipper of the vessel told reporters on the waterfront: "No news, boys, Uneventful trip."

But the ship's log contained the following record:

Escaped Nazi bombs while leaving port in convoy.

Passed liner which apparently was a dive-bomber victim.

Broke down three times with engine trouble.

Forced to drop out of convoy.

Ship's dynamo gave out, leaving ship in darkness most of the voyage but for crude wax candles made by the crew.

American newspapers refer to this as "a British understatement." —Reuter.

SHE CAN SMOKE, SO—

"A woman who is sufficiently manly to smoke is sufficiently manly to go to gaol for this sort of thing." That was the sheriff's comment at a West of Scotland court, when he sent Ella Bain, thirty-seven, of Great George Street, Glasgow, to prison for six weeks for having cigarettes and matches with her in a war factory.

The procurator-fiscal said she deliberately brought in cigarettes to have a smoke when she felt inclined. The fact that she was a woman did not lessen the danger.

Kowloon Docks To Improve Berthing

CONSTRUCTION OF a new deep-water berth at Kowloon Dock was announced at the annual meeting of shareholders, held this morning with the Hon. Mr. Stanley Dodwell presiding, of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

The Chairman said: The Gross Profit is $1,910,755.62, a slight increase on that of last year, and the Net Profit, $1,252,428.64, is also somewhat more than the corresponding figure of 1939.

The Balance Sheet, you will observe, has been prepared in a new form and the appropriations as now recommended by your Board have been incorporated in it. I trust you will find it an improvement on the old form.

Our stocks are conservatively valued. Depreciation on Stocks and Plant and Property is generally speaking on the same basis as usual, but small increases have been made on special items.

Larger Stocks

There is only a slight reduction in our overdraft. This is due partly to our laying in larger stocks than usual, the replacement of which under present conditions is often subject to delay and difficulties of all kind, partly to the financing of our new construction programme, and partly to the payment for the land required for our new deep-water berth.

You will remember that when I addressed you last year, I referred to the necessity of our having a deep-water berth for large ships, in addition to the one under our giant crane. With only one berth suitable for large ships under this crane, we were constantly having to move vessels, much to the inconvenience of our clients and ourselves.

New Berth

During the year, we have completed the purchase from the Government of a part of the foreshore cut to deep water on the east side of our East Yard, and it is here that we are constructing the new deep-water berth. The foundations for the sea wall are now under construction. Other than this, development during the year has been small. A few new machines have been purchased, and a few minor improvements in the siting of existing machines and plant have been carried out with proved increase of efficiency, particularly in the case of the East Yard ship-building machinery.

At a time like the present, though we have no special secrets to preserve, I am sure you will all realise that it is not desirable to broadcast our activities. Suffice it to say that in spite of the reduced amount of tonnage using the Port, we are satisfactorily busy.

I should like, however, to say more than usual in appreciation of the loyal co-operation we are receiving from our Staff, both European and Chinese who are all working as if they thoroughly understood the importance of the national work upon which we are engaged.

More Self-Contained

By their efforts, we have been able, where necessary, to develop our facilities and overcome many of our difficulties, with the result that we are becoming more and more self-contained.

The same spirit as has been evidenced in their regular duties with us has been displayed in their voluntary activities, and I have nothing but praise for the way in which both the European Staff and their wives and families accepted the evacuation order and made the best of a bad job.

I have no shadow of doubt that shareholders will approve the bonus to staff proposed, which is additional to the allowances we are making to both staff and workmen to meet the increased cost of living.

For shareholders, we recommend a dividend of six per cent. and a bonus of five per cent. which will absorb $454,897.30, a slightly larger proportion of our net profit than last year. The special War Taxation has cost us $118,657.70 and of the balance remaining we propose to put $750,000 to General Reserve, and carry forward $194,743.43 so that our position may be rendered as secure as we can make it.

Prudence

If ever there was a year when prudence should be our watchword, it is surely this one.

The lessons of the past, the obscurity of the future, and the considerable decrease in the amount of tonnage using the Port, have convinced your Board of the wisdom of strengthening our reserves, a policy which I feel sure will be wholeheartedly supported by shareholders.

Seconding the adoption of the accounts, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields said: It is gratifying to shareholders that after so many lean years the corner has been turned and I hope prosperity may continue for this company which is one of the oldest and most important in the Colony.

I am sure that shareholders will heartily approve the proposed bonus to staff. It is a matter for congratulation to all concerned that in spite of the long depression calling for strict economy and possibly some hardships such a competent and efficient staff has been held together. It is right that they should now share in our prosperity.

I welcome, Sir, your assurance that Stocks have been conservatively valued. Inventories often require drastic revision due to changes in replacement costs and I hope the Board will continue in good times the policy of writing down Stocks, Plant and Property and strengthening reserves.

Mr. A. Vaswani proposed the re-election of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo as Directors, and Mr. K. H. Lo seconded.

Mr. Leung Fat-tin proposed confirmation of the appointment of Mr. S. T. Williamson as Director, seconded by Mr. K. K. Lo.

The re-election of the auditors, Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming was proposed by Mr. G. W. Sewell, seconded by Mr. P. Tester.

All resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Those present were: the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell (Chairman) the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. L. Kadoorie, D. Drummond, S. T. Williamson, E. Cock, M.B.E., M.I.N.A. (Chief Manager) Mr. E. L. Hosie (Secretary), Messrs. A. Vaswani, K. H. Lo, K. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Messrs. Leung Fat-tin, Wong Chi Po, M. H. Lo, G. W. Sewell, G. V. T. Marshall (for Mrs. Ida Marshall) Percy Tester and Ezra Abraham (Shareholders).

AN ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

Charged with attempted burglary at No. 1A, Kennedy Street, Fung San, 21, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison told the Court that defendant gained entrance to the house by climbing up to the verandah with a piece of rope.

Defendant was also ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years.

HANDBAG THIEF CAUGHT

Mak Pai, 22, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing a handbag from Mrs. E. Suyder, a visitor to the Colony, in Des Voeux Road Central last Saturday.

Detective-Sergeant J. R. Sykes told the Court that Mrs. Suyder left the Colony early this morning. The defendant was arrested with the handbag which contained money and other articles, valued at $120.

GUARDS ON AXIS LINERS

The number of Italian ships on which armed American guards have been placed is now stated to be 28, including the 23,000-ton liner "Conte Biancamano," at Cristobal, Panama.

Guards have also been placed on two German ships, namely the "Aracuna," at Port Everglades, Florida, and the "Pauline Friederich," at Boston.

Discovery of "wholesale damage" on some of these ships was announced by Mr. Herbert Gaston, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

He said the measures taken in consequence of this discovery were "purely protective." President Roosevelt, he added, had approved the steps taken. Reuter.

INDIAN WATCHMAN DISCHARGED

Rangit Singh, 35, private watchman employed by Sheum's Circus, who was accused of assault, was discharged by Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning.

The complainant, Lo Chi-him, 21, hawker, absconded last Thursday evening from the Kowloon Hospital where he had been under treatment for a fractured arm and a dislocated elbow.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

24th March, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

THREE OPPONENTS

By The Four Aces

"Whenever I play with him," said a friend of ours recently, referring to another bridge player, "I feel that I'm playing against three opponents." We sympathised when we saw this hand:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ Q 10 7 6 3 ♡ A K 8 2 ◇ — ♣ K Q 6 3	
♠ A 8 5 ♡ 10 3 ◇ A Q 10 2 ♣ J 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ K J 9 4 ♡ 7 6 4 ◇ 8 6 4 3 ♣ 5 2
	♠ 2 ♡ Q J 9 5 ◇ K J 9 7 5 ♣ A 10 4	

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	1♡	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2◇	Dbl.
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened a low spade, and the defenders managed to get four spades and three diamonds before surrendering the lead to poor South. North just raised his eyebrows, considering himself quite polite to refrain from criticising his partner. And South, our friend, kept silent because he knew that North would be unable to understand that he himself was the guilty one.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE ... 3
KING .. 2
QUEEN 1
JACK ... ½

South's double of one heart was the best way to show up East's psychic bid. North's heart holding should have made it obvious that the best suit in the North-South hands was hearts. He held four to the Ace-King, and South had enough length and strength to double an adverse heart bid!

North was correct in taking out South's double of two diamonds, but he was decidedly at fault in bidding two spades. He knew about South's hearts, but South didn't know about his. North should therefore have bid two hearts. South would have raised to four hearts, a contract which careful play would fulfill.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3 2
♡ K 4
◇ Q 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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ONCE BITTEN—

"I hope that, when this ghastly business is over, London will not make the mistake they did last time and be in a hurry to lend money to those who are now our enemies." — Mr. W. G. Halll, a shareholder, at the annual meeting of the Westminster Bank in London.

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).
The Spanish Lady (Hughes).
Limehouse Reach (Proctor-Gregg).
With Orchestral acc.
A Bowl of Punch (Mortimer and Murray).
Song of the Buccaneer (Mortimer and Leonard).
With Orchestral acc.
12.40 p.m.—The Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936.
Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Russian Programme with The Don Cossacks Choir.
The Gate; Festival Dance
An Old Waltz; A Storm.
Russian Vagabonds (Salon Orch.)
The Imprisoned Cossacks (Nisitschensky).
The Don Cossacks Choir.
Polka 'Ojra' (Russian Air).
Rondo A La Turka (Mozart).
Russian Balalaika Orchestra.
Aljoscha's Song (from 'Dobrynja Nikititsch'—Gretschaninoff)
Two Old Wedding Songs (Gretschaninoff)
The Don Cossacks Choir
Russian Potpourri (Michallowsky)
Caucasia (Ippolitoff Ivanoff).
Russian Balalaika Orchestra
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—My Heart's In Old Killarney
Across the Great Divide.
Slow Fox-Trot A Couple of April Fools
Fox-Trot—Moonburn (film 'Anything Goes')
Fox-Trots—A Rendezvous with a Dream (film 'Poppy')
The State of My Heart.
Waltz—Who's Taking You Home To-night?
Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade.
Fox-Trot—Did I Remember? (film 'Suzy')
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swingtime.
Darling Nellie Grey
Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra.
Swanee.
Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.
Annie Laurie.
Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Her Orchestra.
Old King Cole.
Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.
A Brown Bird Singing.
Dark Eyes.
Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra.
I Love A Lassie
Music in the Russ Morgan Manner w. Vocal.
Avalon
Val Rosing and His Swing Stars.
Alive, Alive-O!
Al and Bob Harvey (Vocal Duet) w. Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Working Together.'
7.30 p.m.—An Orchestra Programme with Paul Robeson (Bass).
Fairy Tale (Heykens)
Tom Jones and His Orchestra.
Deep River (Burleigh).
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano.
Islamey—Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff).
New Symphony Orchestra cond by Eugene Goossens.
Love Song (film 'Sanders of the River').
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.
Speakeasy—Cuban Dance (Gensler).
Odeon Theatre Orchestra.
Canoe Song (film 'Sanders of the River').
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.
Mediterranean (Bar.).
New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.05 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Keep Smiling! (Reginald Foort's Signature Tune—Foort).
Medley of Daly's Favourites.
Intro: A bachelor gay; Villa; Bohemia; Leander; Under the Deodar; You're in love.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Hi, Gang!'
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'
9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12.
Mischa Levitzki (Piano).
Consolation No. 3.
Natan Milstein (Violin) w. Piano.
Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem.
London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—'News from Home' by Howard Marshall.
10.15 p.m.—Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).
'Rigoletto'—Gilda's Aria: Caro nome (Verdi).
'I Puritani' (Bellini).
Son vergin vezzosa.
Qui la voce lyn soave.
With Orchestra.
10.28 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata in F Major, Op. 99.
1st Mov.: Allegro vivace.
2nd Mov.: Adagio affettuoso.
3rd Mov.: Allegro passionato.
4th Mov.: Allegro molto.
Pau Casals ('Cello) and Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Piano).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

P.C. WHO GUARDED 7 PRIME MINISTERS

Scores of photographs of crowds thronging Downing Street have appeared in the last five years.

In nearly all could be seen a tall, unassuming man in a black hat, apparently one of the crowd but never very far from the Minister being mobbed.

The man in the black hat is P.C. Albert Edward Hinde, known throughout "A" Division Metropolitan Police as "Nobby," a plain-clothes officer on duty at the Foreign Office arches, Downing Street, for the past five years.

Now he has retired at the age of 46 after 26 years in the Force.

Every Minister who has ever crossed Downing Street knows him. In his mind he has stored up significant comments made by successive Prime Ministers during the crises of recent years.

Throughout the Abyssinian crisis, the Abdication, Mr. Eden's resignation, Munich, and the outbreak of war his eyes were watching the crowds.

"Munich" Crowds

Mr. Chamberlain's return from Munich called out the greatest mob he has ever known.

That was the only occasion, he says, that the crowd, stretching right back into Whitehall, surged up to the doors of No. 10 itself.

"We usually know the wrong 'un when he gets into the Street," he says. "I suppose it becomes second nature to spot him after a time. There's never rough-house. We have our own methods of dealing with doubtful characters."

Few of the statesmen, diplomats, officials, and pressmen who know by sight the "plain-clothes man in the black hat" knew his name. But he was courteous and helpful to all at what he calls "pneumonia corner."

'Nobby" Hinde has seen and guarded the comings and goings of seven Prime Ministers. Now he is retiring to a Government service job "not far from Downing Street."

HE FINDS WORK-HOUSE HAPPINESS

Haunted by loneliness and night-fear, a seventy-year-old Leicester widower with £3 a week pension and £1,500 in the bank has found happiness and companionship in the workhouse. He is paying 28s. a week "board and lodging."

The man's wife died in the infirmary of the institution following an illness some time ago and now he wants to end his days in the building which was her last home.

No one but officials in the office knows the identity of the man, who lives the normal life of the inmates.

"To disclose his name would be against the spirit of the thing," the Master, Mr. R. W. Ramsay, told a reporter. "He was destitute of home comforts, although not destitute of money, and that is why he came here.

"This sort of thing helps to remove the stigma of an institution, a stigma which has persisted since the time of Dickens."

Mr. H. C. Mansfield, clerk to the Public Assistance Committee, told the committee that the ratepayers were not losing by keeping the man, who was getting good accommodation.

ZOO LION 16, DIES

Pat, one of the London Zoo lions, has died of old age.

He was sixteen and, like his mate Doris who survives him, had been at the Zoo since 1928. They were presented to the Gardens by King George V, who had received them as a gift.

They had twenty-five cubs, including one set of "quins."

Bringing Up Father — By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

For Sunday Night Supper

HOT SANDWICHES

Fill The Bill

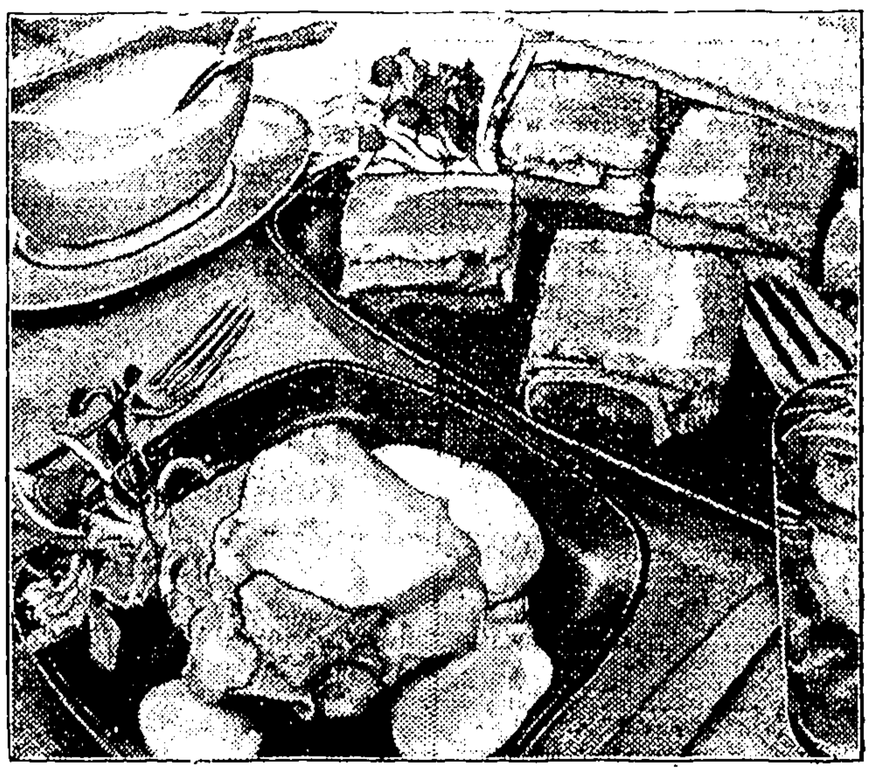
Says Dorothy Greig

WHEN it comes time to whisk together Sunday night supper someone is always sure to announce: "I'm no, really hungry. All I want is a snack."

However, it's the wise woman who calmly ignores the just-a-snackers. For under all such remarks usually lurks a husky appetite. Taken literally at their word and given just a bite or two, they'd all be back raiding the ice box later in the evening.

So we suggest hot sandwiches for supper. They satisfy the mind's eye of a light bite while at the same time supplying good honest sustaining nourishment. Put together with meat or cheese or eggs or maybe tuna fish or chicken, hot sandwiches have zest as well as substance.

Here, for instance, is one that can be made either with corn bread or with toast. (It's particularly good with corn bread). And as a climax it is topped with a hot and savory mushroom sauce!



Hot mushroom sauce over a ham and cornbread sandwich is an appetising dish for Sunday night supper.

Southern Ham Sandwich With Hot Mushroom Sauce

6 pieces corn bread, about 3 inches square

6 slices ham boiled or baked

Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup

½ cup milk

Stir the ½ cup of milk into the condensed cream of mushroom soup. Heat, but do not boil. While the sauce is heating, split the pieces of corn bread and toast them. Then place the ham between the toasted slices of corn bread and pour the hot mushroom sauce over the top.

Cheese and bacon is an ever popular combination.

Open Grilled Cheese And Bacon Sandwich, Tomato Sauce

6 slices bacon

8 slices cheese (size of bread)

8 pieces bread or toast

1 can condensed tomato soup.

Cut the long slices of bacon in half and broil on one side. Cover the slices of bread or toast with pieces of cheese cut about ⅛ inch thick and on each slice place two pieces of bacon. Broil until the cheese is melted and bacon crisp. Pour 2 tablespoons of hot condensed tomato soup over each slice and serve immediately. Serves 4 large or 8 small open sandwiches.

And try this version of our old friend, scrambled eggs:

Scrambled Egg And Mushroom Sandwiches

4 eggs

½ cup condensed cream of mushroom soup

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch of pepper

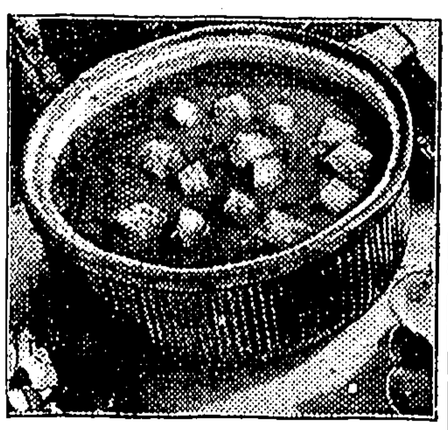
Beat the eggs. Then add the cream of mushroom soup, salt and pepper and beat again. Melt the butter in a frying pan or saucepan; add egg mixture and cook over a low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Put the cooked eggs and mushroom between slices of buttered toast. Serves 4.

The Hot Dish for a School Day Lunch

by Dorothy Greig

WHEN the youngsters swoop down on you at noon from school, that's the time to set before them big steaming bowls of soup. Soup is hot—and they should have a hot dish. It's nourishing, easily digested. And children never lose their zest for good soup.

From your standpoint, it's just about the perfect hot luncheon dish for it is quick and easy to prepare—and good. Just open the can, add water or milk as the case may be, and heat.



Tomato and Vegetable-Beef Soup

Hot soup leaves no heavy after feeling either. Yet it provides the quick energy a youngster needs to keep him alert for the afternoon's activities.

The recipe for the first soup given below offers a delicious blend of two soups; tomato—which all children love—and vegetable-beef, thick with little chunks of beef and vegetables.

Tomato and Vegetable-Beef Soup

1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can condensed vegetable-beef soup
2 cans of water

Combine and heat to boiling point. Garnish with toast croutons. Serves 5-7.

Soup, of course, is one of the best ways in the world to get more milk into a child's diet. Many a child who balks at drinking milk will take it in soups and pass happily back for more. For instance; here is a nourishing vegetable purée to which is added milk:

Cream of Asparagus Soup

1 can condensed asparagus soup
½ cup irradiated evaporated milk (just as it comes from the can)
½ cup water

Empty the soup into a saucepan. Stir in the milk and water and heat, but do *not* boil. Serves 2-4.

The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says the world's upside down he means penguins are now found sitting where the North Pole used to be.

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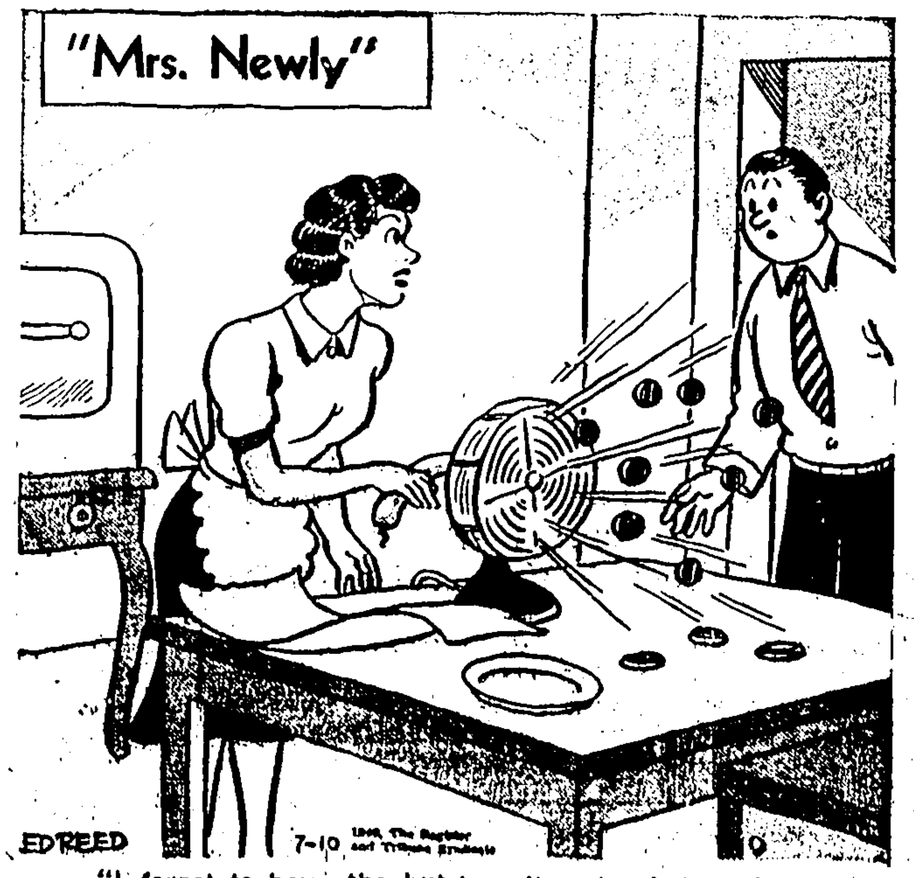
OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED



"I forgot to have the butcher slice the bologna."

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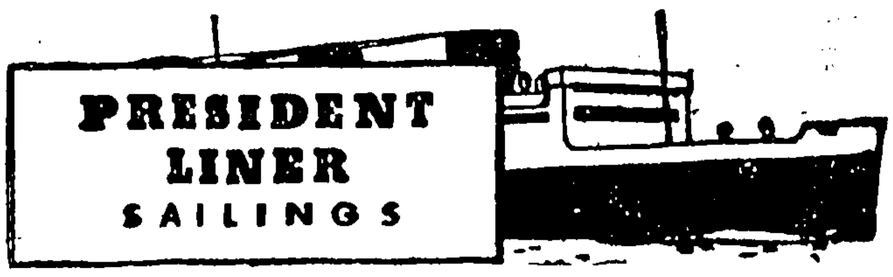

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Hakone Maru	Friday,	11th Apr.

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*Hakodate Maru	Tuesday,	1st Apr.
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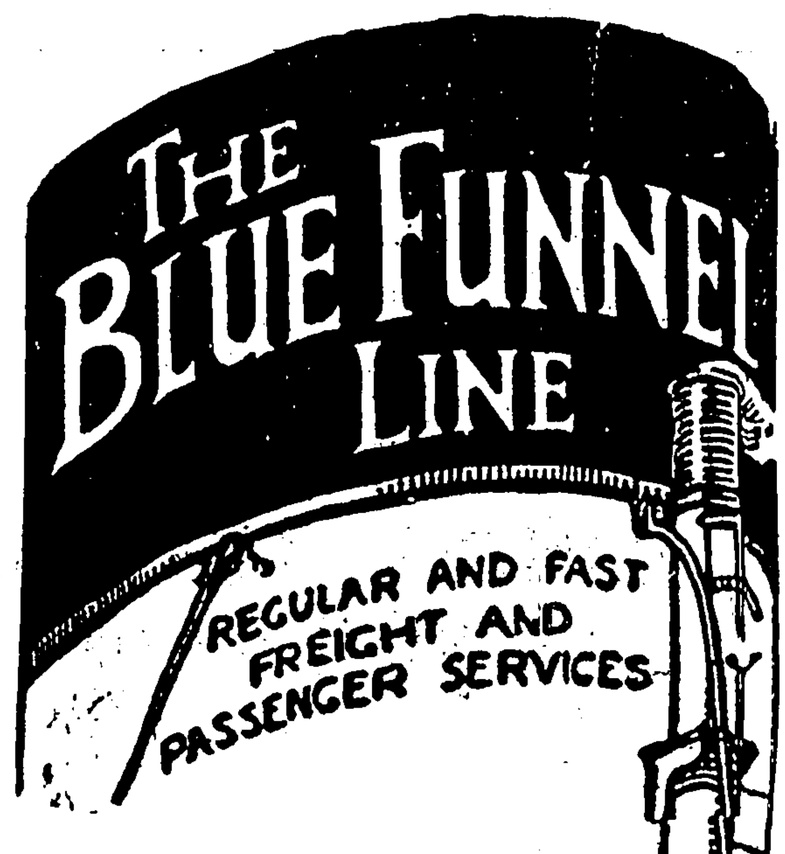

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TOPSY REARED A SECRET FAMILY

"Topsy's secret was out. Remembitch belonging to Mr James Brown, farmer of Lezayre, Isle of Man, gave birth to a pup.

"It was not worth her rearing it, so I drowned it," Mr. Brown told a reporter.

But Topsy retrieved it, brought it back into the farmyard, and buried it in a hole she dug with her paws and nose. That was last year.

A few weeks ago Topsy was missing. "I searched everywhere for her, but in vain," said Farmer Brown. "Then one day she returned. I couldn't make out where she had been, for she is not a roamer.

"I was in a quiet part of the farmyard one day, however, and I saw Topsy making for the root of a large tree. After looking round for a second or two she pushed her nose down into a hole under the tree.

"After a great deal of wriggling and rolling, she pushed herself down under the tree, came out again, looked round to see that nobody was about and then ran off.

"That was about three weeks ago."

Her Secret Out

"Then one day this week I happened to be in that part of the farmyard again when, suddenly, a roguish pair of brown eyes and a perky little nose came peering out of the hole at the bottom of the tree.

"A second later the little fat round body of a three-week-old pup emerged, waddled round for a minute or two, then hastily returned.

Topsy, a handsome sheepdog herself, knew what happened to her first pup, she had chosen a nest right out of reach of human beings.

"A couple of days later, Topsy brought her pups out for an airing and allowed me to pick them up and nurse them: then sat with her ears cocked as though awaiting my answer.

"'It's all right, Topsy,' I told her. 'I wouldn't have the heart to drown these after all the trouble you have gone to.'"

JUNK ADRIFT

A water-logged derelict junk is reported drifting 3-1/2 miles west of Bluff Point Port War Signal Station.

The position given is latitude 22 deg. 11' 51" North, and Longitude 114 deg. 8' 39" East, approximately.

HE'LL PIPE TO CHIEF OF CLAN

AS A BOY on his father's farm in Alberta, Canada, Malcolm Roderick MacCrimmon dreamed of the day when he could visit the Hebridean Isle of Skye, home of THE MacCrimmon "Prince of Pipers," honoured in Scottish song and story for four centuries.

Malcolm was only a farmer's boy, and over the sea to Skye was a dream that didn't promise to materialise. But the war came and he found himself drafted to Britain — big step nearer.

Then fate brought him more than he had ever seen in his dreams.

A search through the MacCrimmon archives and a check-up on his papers and birth certificate proved that he was one of THE MacCrimmons, a direct descendant of that famous sixteenth-century piper, hereditary piper to the Clan McLeod.

And that was not all. Flora Mrs. McLeod of McLeod heard of him and now she has appointed him her honorary piper.

Like A Dream

That was enough to make him wonder whether he was still dreaming away back on the Alberta farm, but yet another honour awaited him.

He has been granted the distinction, almost unique among serving pipers, of wearing on his pipes—which he may yet play into battle—the ribbon of the Clan McLeod dress tartan.

"I was given special permission for this by the colonel of the Scottish regiment to which we are attached, Malcolm told a reporter.

"I am invited by Mrs. McLeod of McLeod to visit her at Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral home of the McLeods in Skye, as soon as I get leave.

Wants To Stay

"I'm determined not to go back to Canada. I don't like farming, and if I get on well with my piping and get a suitable job after the war, I shall remain here."

He is studying at the Army School of Piping in Edinburgh, and when a reporter saw him he had just finished practising a pibroch, "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart," composed by one of his famous ancestors.

For two centuries the MacCrimmons carried on in the Isle of Skye the greatest piping college ever known.

And even they took seven years to turn out a skilled piper.

So Malcolm, though his dream has come true, has still a long way to go.

£40,000 SAFE IN CITY BLAZE

FOR NEARLY AN HOUR A DOZEN MEN STRUGGLED TO OPEN A TWO-AND-A-HALF-TON POST OFFICE SAFE RETRIEVED AFTER THE LONDON FIRE RAID.

When the doors were opened the contents were found to be intact.

The safe was the centre of a fierce fire and the heat had penetrated the thick steel walls.

But inside were a score of steel compartments, and Treasury notes, postal orders, postage stamps and national insurance stamps were untouched.

Some of the paper money had browned a little, but beyond this no damage was done.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund Hong Kong Branch:

Previously acknowledged £100, $687,666.72.

Annoymous $20; A. Whittaker (Monthly) $5; Hong Kong Amateur Cine Club-Proceeds of Performance of film "Evening" on 12/3/41 per F. A. Kaufman, Secretary $141; Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Hall $1,000 S. W. P. Perry (Monthly) $25; A. C. Wilcox (March) $25; The Prison Staff (March) $198.04; Portuguese Staff of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (March) $50 V. Hak $10; The Hong Kong Football Club (Being a bowls prize won by C. G. Soolis) $8; Edgar Davidson (Monthly) $50; J. Finnie (Monthly) $50. Total $689,248.76.

ARMY 'LASSIES' KILLED WHILE READING BIBLE

Two women were killed while reading the Bible on Sunday night when a bomb hit a house used as Salvation Army officers' quarters in an outer London area.

They were Adjutant Edna M. Mortimer, aged thirty-two, whose parents live at Scarborough, Yorks, and Lieutenant Gertrude A. Cocksedge, twenty-four, whose parents live at Manchester.

They had been out earlier in the evening selling copies of the "War Cry," but returned home because the raid was so severe.

The Thames Estuary and London were the chief targets.

TOLD BLACK-OUT DUE TO LAMPLIGHTERS' STRIKE

Mrs. Elizabeth Hampshire, of Barton-terrace, Beeson, Yorkshire, who has died at Leeds aged 102, did not know there was a war on, and her daughters explained the black-out by telling her the lamplighters had gone on strike.

She was deaf and could not hear the sirens, and newspapers were kept from her.

A native of Wakefield, Mrs. Hampshire had been bed-ridden for some time.

"HAPPY" PUT THE FIRE OUT

Ex-Guardsman Henry (Happy Jack) Homer, fifty-five-year-old veteran of Mons, now a Home Guard, climbed on to a roof, jumped across a sheer drop, put out a fire that threatened to destroy a large building, and was then dragged to safety by means of a rope.

All this happened during a fire blitz on London, but none of his friends learned of Happy's heroism until later.

Happy Jack works in a warehouse.

While the blitz was at its height, he spent a busy hour or so in the lane near the office extinguishing the fire bombs.

Then he noticed that an incendiary had landed on the roof of a printers' nearby. The spotters on the roof had seen it, but seemed unable to get at it. Happy climbed on to the roof and joined them.

The bomb was lying in the gutter of a roof separated from that on which they stood by a ten-foot chasm.

Doffing his coat and shirt, he jumped the gap.

Happy took off first one shoe, then the other, and beat the fire out.

LOCAL SHARES

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank $1340 b.
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INSURANCES

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H.K. Tramways $16.40 b.
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China Lights (New) $13¾ b.
H.K. Electrics (Old) C. Rts. $39½ b., $39¾ sa.
Macao Electrics (Old) $18¼ b.
Macao Electrics (New) $17¼ b.
Telephones (Old) X.D. $23¼ b.
Telephones (New) X.D. $9 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements $17½ b.
H.K. Ropes $7 b., $7.30 s.

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Watsons X.D. $9.70 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments X.D. $6.30 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

10 Canton Ins. @ $222½
20 H.K. Fire Ins. @ $185
400 Docks (Old) X.D. @ $15.60
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THAT A PROFIT OF $63,267.91 (after deducting $13,031.50 for War and Property Taxes) was made last year by the China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited, was disclosed at the annual general meeting held to-day.

Sir Shouson Chow presided, and, presenting the annual report, said:

To-day is our Tenth Anniversary. On March 31, 1931, we commenced business, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking our shareholders, patrons and tenants for their support. During the past decade, this Company has paid in Rates and Entertainment Tax a total of over three quarter of a million dollars. At no time during the past 10 years has this Company been so sound financially as it is now and with your kind support we hope to keep up this good state of affairs year after year.

"Business generally throughout the year, considering the abnormal condition prevailing, can be considered as good.

"As in previous years, we have given several successful performances and donations to various charitable organizations and war funds.

"The Investment side of the Account is practically the same as the preceding year as all shops and offices in the Building have been let and, due to the central site of the Building, all tenants have done a good year's business.

"The profit for the year, after providing $65,438.20 for depreciation and $13,031:50 for war and property Taxes amounted to $63,267:91 and including the balance brought forward from 1939's account of $16,986:41 makes available for distribution $80,254:-32. Out of this your Directors recommend a payment of a Dividend of 70 cents per share absorbing $69,900.60 leaving to be carried forward to this year's account the sum of $10.353.72."

OLD WOMAN BOUND OVER FOR BEGGING

In Nathan Road yesterday, Chief Inspector M. H. Hourihan was approached for alms by Tsoi Sam, 65, widow, and as a result the woman was bound over for begging, by Major A. N. Maclaayen at Kowloon this morning.

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United Express Brings In $10,909

Following shows how much the respective winners secured for their stables (names in brackets) at the Valley since January 1

	$
United Express (Necan)	10,909
Distant View (Lan)	9,000
Oolong (T.K.L.)	6,181
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett)	5,500
Velvetlight (Cire)	4,866
Endeavour (Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen)	4,774
Starlight (Cire)	4,750
Confusion Bay (T.K.L.)	3,250
Oracle (T.K.L.)	3,100
Happy Returns (Lee Chi choh)	3,400
Santa Anita (C.C.F.)	3,000
Jus Gentium (S. W. Lee)	2,987
Fleetwing (Eu Tong-sen)	2,950
Colooma (Gredmaka)	2,750
Viceroy (Vilaja)	2,550
Black Seal (C.H.)	2,500
Palber (Marber)	2,300
Sam's Choice (Collene)	2,300
Charlesber (Marber 1)	2,300
Moonlight (Cire)	2,300
First Love (P. & L.)	2,250
Marsh Warbler (Pearstur)	2,150
A Surprising Time (Toots)	2,100
Mainsail (Sailbad the Sinner)	2,000
King's Flight (Dynasty)	2,000
Lex Fori (Lee Bros.)	2,000
Navylight (Cire)	2,000
Dutch Treat (Hollandia)	2,000
Corsair (L.W.S.)	1,900
Prairie View (Lan)	1,850
World Fair View (Lan)	1,800
A Happy Time (Li Po-chun)	1,750
A Luxurious Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	1,750
Gloaming (Eu Tong-sen)	1,750
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,577
Amulet Star (C.W.K.)	1,500
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Eve of Peace (Eve)	1,500
Maple Leaf (Kwok Yee-chan)	1,500
Manhattan (Shields & Stanton)	1,500
Brutus (G. Treverton)	1,500
Optima Fide (S.W.)	1,500
Never-Never (Mrs. B. Hall)	1,500
Mountain View (Lan)	1,300
Many Thanks (Kia Ora)	1,400
Connieber (Marber 1)	1,250
Sydney Lady (Lucky)	1,200
Fresh Air (S.K.)	1,100
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,072
Venus Bay (T.K.L.)	1,050
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,000
Nomine Poenae (Lee Bros.)	1,000
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Catterick Bridge (C. L. Gregory)	1,000
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Lovelylight (Cire)	883
Gladiator (Eve)	850
National Courage (Why)	800
Vanity Fair (Choice)	800
Eve of Dancing (Eve)	750
Conquering Time (Li Po-chun)	750
Hillsboro Bay (T.K.L.)	750
Australian Diamond (Diamonds)	750
A Rosy Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	750
Eve of Grandeur (Eve)	750
Far View (Lan)	750
Iron Beauty (Iron)	700
The Koala Bear (Tester & Abraham)	700
Springhurst (Billy)	700
Hugher (Marber 1)	700
Avon (V. M. Grayburn)	600
Newborn Star (C.N.K.)	600
Vie Major (Lee Bros.)	600
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	600
Eve of Reason (Eve)	600
Eve of Deception (Eve)	525
Tien Tien (Wai Shiu-pak)	500
Royal Sovereign (G. A. Harriman)	500
Pumpernickel (T.L.)	500
Lancashire Lass (Necan)	500
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Misty View (Lan)	400
Royal Wedding Eve (W. T. Stanton)	400
Devonian (Lady Northcote)	350
Roolify (Ellandee)	350
Vitamin M (S.S.)	300
Raconteur (Marietta)	300
Casino (Bridge)	300
Lovely Star (Kong Bros.)	300
Eve of Hunting (Eve)	300
Wonderful Scheme (Kong Bros.)	300
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Rose Jane (Eu Tong-sen)	300
Jennifer (Quartermaster)	300
Musketeer (Li Chi Choh)	300
Rose Emily (Eu Tong Sen)	300
Burford (Quartermaster)	261
Seal River (Gredmaka)	250
Spicylight (Cire)	250
Cheerful Star (E.S.K.)	250
Brown Derby (Cocoa)	250
A Good Time (C.M.M.F.)	250
Colorado Star (Ellandee)	250
Odeon (T.K.L.)	250
Daylight (Cire, Jnr.)	250
Rowan (Ash)	250
Bendigo (Mrs. J. H. Taggart)	250
Cockleroi (Necan)	250
Criffel (John Paul)	250
Lullaber (Marber)	200
Night Express (Necan)	200
King Kong (Cocoa)	200
Emergency Unit (H. Leigh)	200

Bankier, Thomas And Riertsen Shine For The Winners

By "Referee"

Playing with only ten men for the greater part of the game, Chinese Federation were beaten by Hong Kong Football Association in the Second game of the Governor's Cup competition at Causeway Bay yesterday by 4 goals to 2 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three.

Chan Tak-fai sustained a dislocated arm in the second half and was unable to continue and his absence disorganised the Chinese attack and threw added work on Lee Wai-tong.

Association team played well. There was hardly a weak link in the side and all their players were keen at their best. Shortly after the commencement of the second half Bankier played an excellent game in goal and brought off some daring saves. He showed good anticipation and his handling was safe throughout.

Fraser and Roughley covered him well and both tackled strongly and cleared well. Roughley was more prominent in his stackling but the latter performed himself well.

Good Halves

The intermediate line, composed entirely of Middlesex players, also did well. Bright had the centre well covered and always came out better in his tussles with Kwong Ying-kee. Freshwater, on the right, generally had the measure of Wong King-cheung, while Thomas, at left half, justified his inclusion with a good all round display. He had Yeung Shui-yick well held and fed his forward with good passes.

Association was served by two good wingers, who were always sources of potential danger when in possession. Fowler sustained a cut on the chin but was able to carry on. In the first half he had the opposing half beaten and sent over good centres besides having hard luck on several occasions.

Riertsen played well on the left wing and had a hand in all the Association's goals. His centring was timely and of the right height. He required constant attention.

Ferrier and LePage did well as inside forwards—both showed good ball control and combined well with their wingers—but Howlett, as centre forward, in spite of the hard work he put in, was not at home in that position.

Chan's Absence Felt

The absence of Chan Tak-fai had a telling effect on the Chinese as their forwards were unable to get going against the resolute Association defences. In spite of this they had several scoring opportunities but good work by Bankier and Fraser kept them out.

Sammy Tsang, in goal, was not safe. He did not impress with his handling but could not be blamed for the goals.

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the backs while Tse Kam-hung found the bustling methods of Fowler very upsetting.

The intermediate line, in which Hau King-seng was prominent played well but the inability of their forwards to make best use of the ball threw extra work on their shoulders.

Neither of the Chinese wingers had many opportunities while Lee Wai-tong was well marked. Kwok Ying-kee tried hard but was often beaten for possession by Bright.

Association Score

Association opened the scoring through Howlett who headed in a centre from Riertsen. Chines were soon on level terms through Yeung Shiu-yick and before half time Wong King-cheung scored a good goal.

On the resumption Association pressed and equalised when Riertsen sent in a shot which hit the upright and Howlett netted. Ferrier gave his side the lead from a penalty.

In the closing minutes Fowler made the game safe with a good shot.

H.K.F.A. — Bankier; Roughly, Fraser; Freshwater, Bright, Thomas; Fowler, Le Page, Howlett, Ferrier and Riertson.

H.K.C.A.A.F. — Sammy Tsang; Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Cheung-sing, Hsu King-sing, Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shu-yip, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Kwok Ying-kee, Wong King-cheung.

K.C.C. BEAT N.D.A. AT LAWN BOWLS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Northumberland and Durham Association by 86—69 in a friendly lawn bowls match.

Following were the scores:

K.C.C.		N.D.A.	
A. C. Tribble		C. E. Turpin	
A. H. Martin		E. Starling	
R. S. Meadows		S. Hodge	
W. W. Parsons (Skip)	13	T. W. Carr (Skip)	19
A. E. P. Guest		W. G. R. Coates	
H. Brokenshire		R. A. Radford	
A. Steven		C. Gowland	
L. Jack (Skip)	21	J. Fraser (Skip)	18
R. S. Capell		E. Purvis	
R. T. Burch		D. Kossick	
G. E. Taylor		J. F. MacGowan	
V. C. Labrum (Skip)	20	J. V. Ramsey (Skip)	16
A. E. Perry		G. E. Gross	
S. A. Gray		A. D. Spoors	
R. B. Wellwood		J. Smith	
T. A. Madar (Skip)	32	T. Coleman (Skip)	16
Totals	86		69

HOCKEY UMPIRES TO MEET

A meeting of the Hockey Umpires' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

All interested are invited to attend.

BOXER IN ARMY

Mike Raffa of Newell, W. Va., listed as one of the five best featherweights in the U.S.A., has traded his trunks for an army uniform. Raffa, who has served one year in the regular army, Hawaii, will be allowed brief furloughs to fill ring engagements.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for week ending April 6.

Tuesday

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v S. China
(Sookunpoo, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Adams

Wednesday

FIRST DIVISION

R. Scots v Navy
(Sookunpoo, at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Mitchell
Linesmen:—Frazer and Pike

Club v Kwong Wah
(Club at 5.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Marse
Linesmen:—Wimer and Taylor

SECOND DIVISION

R.E. v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, at 5.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Foster

Police v 30th R.A.
(Boundary Road, at 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Wilson.

THIRD DIVISION

R.E. v 24th R.A.
(Military at 3.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards

36th R.A. v R.A.F.
(Club, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Omar.

Saturday

KOTEWELL CUP FINAL

Army v S. China
(Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Glover.
Linesmen:—Ip and Beard.

FIRST DIVISION

Club v Kowloon
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Demee and Williamson.

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v Kit Chee
(Causeway Bay, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Carley.

R.A.S.C. v Sing Tao
(Sookunpoo, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Ford.

Club v 30th R.A.
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

THIRD DIVISION

Signals v 35th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Fraser.

7th R.A. v A.S.A.
(Caroline Hill, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Emmons.

36th R.A. v 20th R.A.
(Military, at 3.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Barretto.

Shell v R.A.F.
(Caroline Hill, at 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Baker.

SUNDAY HERALD CHARITY CUP FINAL

Scotland v England
(Boundary Road, at 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Beard.
Linesmen:—Mitchell and Marie.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

Open Singles

Pang Ol-lam v. Wei Chung (1); George Chua v. T. J. Gould (7); O. Umetani v. M. Pagh (8).

Open Doubles

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6); G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v. V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6) (5).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v. B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (—3/6).

SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following are the results of softball matches played yesterday:—

MEN'S (FIRST DIVISION).

Recreio	12	Filipinos	5
St. Joseph's	5	Indians	3
Chinese	6	Recreio	3

YESTERDAY'S GOLF MATCH

At Sheungshui yesterday Kowloon Golf Club beat the Country Club by 17½ sets to 8.

SINGLES

Kowloon				Country Club	
R. K. Collings	1	F	E	A. Remedios	0½
A. J. Dennis	1	A	A	Lopes	0
W. Kershaw	0	A	R	Pinna	0
T. Henderson	1	F	X	M. Silva	0
K. Mackenzie	1	A	W.	da Roza	0
E. C. Fincher	0	A	T.	Lee	1
E. F. Fincher	0	H.		Kew	1
S. Jex	1½	E.	J.	M. Cuhrn	0
A. L. Eastman	0	T.	Y.	C. Lee	1½
J. C. Coles	1½	J.	J.	Basto	0
L. Sykes	0	M.	F.	Pinna	1
T. B. Low	0	I.	P.	Tamworth	1
W. V. Ahern	½	J.	B.	Mackie	1
T. Lamb	1	C.	H.	Suen	0
F. C. Barry	1	W.	C.	Hung	1½
A. J. Hall	1	R.	E.	Lee	0
Totals	9½				5½

FOURBALLS

Collings, Dennis	2	Remedios Lopes		0
Mackenzie, E. C. Fincher	2	Roza, A. T. Lee		0
Ahern, Lee	2	Mackie, I. P. Tamworth		0
Henderson, Kewshaw	0	A. R. Pinna, Silva		0
Coles, Sykes	0	M. F. Pinna, Basto		2½
Jex, Eastman	0	Churn, Lee		0
Barry, Lamb	0	Hung, Suen		0
E. F. Fincher, Hall	2	Kew, R. E. Lee		0
Totals	8			2½

BADMINTON TOURNEY

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KOWLOON C.C.

Men's Junior Doubles

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v Peter Lo and J. Tsang (7 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles

J. L. Anderson v E. Zimmern (9.15 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles

M. P. Yoong v P. K. Hooi (8 p.m.).

W. Gillies v K. W. Choy (8.45 p.m.).

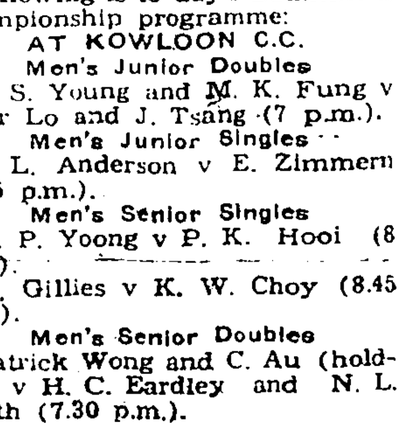
Men's Senior Doubles

Patrick Wong and C. Au (holders) v H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith (7.30 p.m.).

SCHMELING —SOLDIER

Max Schmeling who since several months has been a soldier in the German army, has no intention of defending his championship, reported the "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" recently.

The International Boxing Union recently resolved that European champions must defend their titles against recognised challengers on or before July 5, 1941, the paper pointed out. Max Schmeling had, however, declared in this connection that he was now a soldier and not a boxer.



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